

## MEXICANS KILL 12 AMERICANS

UNDERGROUND WIRES  
CONFERENCE SUBJECT

Electric Light and Tele. Companies Cannot Use Same Conduits—Light Voltage Too High

An interesting conference having to do with the placing of public service corporation wires underground was held in the mayor's reception room at city hall this forenoon. The conference was called for by the mayor, who has gone on record as being opposed to the granting of any more pole locations to public service corporations and the stand taken by representatives of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company and the Lowell Electric Light corporation was that they would be glad to put their wires underground if conditions, financial and otherwise, would permit, but that to make any big attempt to do so at this time is absolutely out of the question. The parties to the conference were Mayor James E. O'Donnell; E. K. Hall, vice president of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company; Manager John A. Hurdwell of the Lowell Electric Light corporation; Benjamin J. Mahoney, district plant chief, and J. A. McCoy, division superintendent of plants for the New England Telephone & Telegraph company. Commissioners Duncan and Donnelly were present during the latter part of the conference. The mayor opened the conference by emphasizing numerous requests for pole locations, the many objections offered by citizens, and advanced the thought that all wires might, in time, be placed underground. He realized, he said, it was a job that couldn't be done in a hurry, but he thought a start might be made. He spoke of the continual extension of heavy paved streets and the thought occurred to him that the conduits might be put in ahead of the paving in order to obviate the necessity of digging up the paving at a later date. The mayor said he didn't want to be unreasonable or to appear in the light of a demagogue in requiring impossible things of public service corporations, but he thought it might be possible for those corporations to prepare plans for the laying of all wires underground and that a start be made this spring.

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## VILLA BANDITS INVADE THE UNITED STATES

Crossed Border and Attacked Columbus, N. M. — Fired Buildings, Shot Down Civilians and U. S. Soldiers and Fled — Pursued into Mexico by U. S. Troops -- New War Secretary Acts -- Situation Very Serious

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Five hundred Mexican bandits, believed to have been led by Francisco Villa, crossed the international border under cover of darkness early today and attacked this town, killing a dozen or more American men and women, including at least six United States soldiers.

**The Victims**  
Nine civilians and six United States troopers were the known dead early in the day.  
**The dead:**  
RITCHIE, hotel proprietor.  
WALTON WALKER, United States customs rider.  
MILTON JAMES.  
MRS. MILTON JAMES.  
J. S. DEAN.  
C. C. MILLER, druggist.  
Unidentified chauffeur.  
J. W. MOORE, merchant.  
W. R. WALKER, guest at Central hotel.

**Soldiers Killed**  
FRANK KENDRICK, horse shoer, Troop K.  
SERGEANT MARG A. DOBES, machine gun troop.  
CORPORAL PAUL SIMON.  
SERGEANT JOHN NIEVERGELT, band corporal, HARRY WISWALI, Troop K.  
FRED A. GRIFFEN, private, Troop K.  
The wounded:  
JESSE P. TAYLOR, Troop F.  
THOMAS BUTLER, Troop F.  
THEODORE KALZORK, Troop L.  
MICHAEL BARMABEL, machine gun troop.

**Villa in Command**  
A large number of Mexican dead were left lying in the streets of Columbus and at the border. The Mexicans were subjected to a flank attack by American troops and 18 more of their number killed.

Several American citizens in Columbus declared they saw Villa personally directing his men, and a portmanteau discovered by a trooper contained Villa's personal papers.

**Six U. S. Soldiers Killed**  
The attack was a surprise. Villa was supposed to have been 44 miles away, having last night caused a telegram to be sent indicating his presence at a ranch at Nogales.

The number of slain American soldiers was placed at six. Nine civilians also have been killed.

**Three Americans Hanged**  
Prior to the attack the Villa bandits hanged three Americans whom they had held as prisoners for some days, according to information received here. Their bodies were burned, the report said.

The Villa men are said to have been joined by Carranza soldiers after they crossed the border and utilized a gully to make a concealed approach to the town. After posting snipers at advantageous points the bandits set fire to buildings, including the depot and hotels. As people rushed from their homes they were shot down by the snipers.

**Pierce Battle On**  
Civilians armed themselves and, together with United States soldiers, fought a battle of several hours with the bandits. Col. Stocum's revolver was shot from his hand as he left his quarters. Some of the bandits by speaking English, lured housewives to the streets and then shot them. From burning hotels and other structures persons who sought to escape were killed or wounded.

**Bodies Dotted Streets**  
When dawn came the retreat of the Villa men was under way. Villa himself apparently had left earlier when the snipers were driven off. In the streets lay the bodies of a number of Mexican dead; a number of Mexican wounded were removed to a post hospital. During the fighting many families barricaded themselves within their homes.

**COL STOCUM'S REPORT**  
EL PASO, Tex., March 9.—The official report from Col. Stocum, Thirtieth U. S. Cavalry, commanding the troops at Columbus to his commanding officer at Douglas, Ariz., follows:

"The camp was attacked at 4.30 this morning by a force of Mexicans from across the border. The attack was repulsed and now at 6.15 a. m., the Mexicans are retreating toward the border to the southeast. I have sent mounted troops in pursuit. Several buildings were burned in town. So far as known the army loss has been three killed and four wounded. The number of civilians killed in town is not known. A number of dead Mexican soldiers are lying around town and our camp. All firing has ceased. No help necessary."

(Signed), "Stocum,"  
"Commanding Thirtieth Cavalry."

**DIAB AT NEW ORLEANS**  
WASHINGTON, March 9.—State department agents have information that Felix Diaz, the Mexican revolutionary leader, is hiding in New Orleans and upon their information they are satisfied that he has not landed in Mexico with an armed expedition as has been reported.

**VILLA IN COMMAND**  
COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Information that Francisco Villa and his chief lieutenant, Pablo Lopez, were in personal command of the raid was given Col. Stocum by a Mexican rancher captured by the bandits last Sunday and who escaped during the fighting. He told of the hanging of the American ranchers, McKinney, Corbett and O'Neill, and declared that a fourth American whose name he did not know had been

hanged at the same time. The Mexican informant said Villa attacked with from 800 to 1000 men and a machine gun platoon.

**THREE AMERICANS HANGED**  
COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Arthur McKinney, foreman of the Palomas ranch; William Corbett and James O'Neill, captured by Villa Tuesday, were hanged and their bodies burned, according to information received here today. The hanging occurred when the bandits raided the cattle herd of the Bosques Grandes ranch.

**NEW WAR SECRETARY ACTS**  
WASHINGTON, March 9.—Secretary Baker transmitted to President Wilson reports about the attack on Columbus, N. M., as quickly as they were received today at the war department. It was said at the White House that vigorous steps would be taken to punish the bandits. The president directed Secretary Baker to do everything possible to protect the Americans.

At the state department it was said that the situation was "very serious," but that no announcement of what action could be taken would be announced until an official investigation was completed.

**ARMED SHIP ISSUE**  
Sen. McCumber Withdraws Resolve to Warn Americans

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, today withdrew his resolution to warn American citizens off armed ships, stating he thought that Americans had been effectively warned and that the pendency of his resolution might embarrass diplomatic negotiations.

**DESTROYER ON TRIAL TRIP**  
ROCKLAND, Me., March 9.—The torpedo boat destroyer Porter today made another belated start for the mile course, yesterday's standardization trial having been discontinued on account of the storm. The sky was still overcast when the destroyer left her dock, but a moderate off-shore breeze gave promise of a more favorable opportunity for completing the preliminary test.

**INTERVENE IN MEXICO**  
Columbus Massacre Makes it Difficult for Pres. Wilson to Refrain From Actual Interference

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Faced by a new crisis in Mexican affairs, by the Columbus massacre, administration officials admitted that President Wilson might find it difficult to refrain longer from actual interference.

What the administration leaders who favor a watchful waiting course fear most is an outbreak in congress with its consequent effect on the country. The senate, particularly, which contains many vigorous critics of the administration's Mexican policy, has just settled down from the flurry over the case massacre of several weeks ago.

At the White House the only word given out was that steps would be taken to punish the Villa bandits. A memorandum to Gen. Carranza was said to be in course of preparation.

The memorandum is being prepared with a view to its dispatch in case Secretary Lansing decides to present

the case of Carranza. It probably will be drafted along lines similar to the communication sent Carranza on the Santa Isabel massacre, but because of the more serious aspect of the present incident probably will be firmer than the previous one.

**ARMOR PLATE PLANT**  
SENATE VOTES TO TAKE UP SENATOR TILLMAN'S BILLS FOR PURCHASE OF ONE

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The senate voted 35 to 19, to take up Senator Tillman's bills to provide for the purchase or construction of a government armor plate plant.

**DEATHS**  
CURLEY—Miss Mary Curley, a well known young woman of St. Michael's parish died yesterday at the home of her parents, 257 Tenth street, after a long illness, aged 26 years. She leaves besides her parents, Patrick and Mary, two brothers, John and Joseph, four sisters, Margaret, Madeline, Alice and Grace.

FRENCH LINES HOLD FIRM  
GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

Offensive of German Armies Before Verdun Being Developed Far to West of Meuse

The offensive of the crown prince's armies before Verdun is being developed with particular violence far to the west of the Meuse, where successive waves of German infantry have swept down upon Bethincourt, ten miles northwest of the fortress, in an effort to roll back the French left flank. According to Paris the French lines here have held firm, all the attacks being repulsed.

Bethincourt lies just to the north of Dead Man's hill, the dominating position on the Forges brook heights from which the fire of French guns has been hampering German operations not only west of the Meuse but by long range fire helping to break up attempted advances on the opposite side of the stream.

The Germans, since their capture of the Corbeux wood, to the east, have not been able to advance further southward, and, indeed, according to Paris, have even been driven back out of the greater part of the Corbeux position.

In the meanwhile the Teutonic attack on the French center had been resumed, and here the Germans had a success, the recapture of the Hardau

mont redoubt being admitted by Paris. The assault on the French right flank seems to have been suspended for the time being. The crown prince is reported to have sixty thousand men spread along a seven mile front on the plain east of Verdun. The attack, however, has not been pressed in this region by the Germans, except that at Fresnes recently where they drove out the French who were clinging precariously to an advanced position in the village, 12 miles south-east of Verdun, this shortening their line and possibly preparing the way for a more serious closing in later on this flank of the French defenses.

Evidently the French still are apprehensive of a stroke by the Germans in the Argonne region, where a drive south would threaten communication with Verdun, for the artillery is busy pounding German transport routes, notably in the eastern Argonne, close to the edge of the Verdun positions.

Few events of importance have been reported from the other war areas, interest in these chiefly centering in the continuation of the Russian advance in Turkish Armenia.

## NOT TILL AFTER THE WAR

Little Verfaillie Child Will Be Held in Belgium Until Sea Voyage is Safe

Little Paula Verfaillie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Verfaillie of 18 First street, this city, who was in Belgium prior to the breaking out of the European war, and for whose return to Lowell Congressman Rogers has done all in his power, will not come here until after the war is over. Such is the message contained in a cable despatch

to the U. S. department from the American minister at Brussels.

The child had been left in Belgium in care of her aunt by the parents, while on a visit prior to the war. A few months ago, fearing for the safety of the child, the parents got Congressman Rogers interested and arrangements were made for passports to Lowell.

It seems now that the aunt of the child who has her in charge at her home in Roulers, Belgium, will not part with the little one. She informed the American minister that it would not be safe to allow the child to come across until the war is over. She says she is financially able to care for the child and will not allow her to undertake the long voyage until the end of the war. The parents, who have been informed of the safety of their child, are now satisfied to let her remain until the sea voyage will be safer than at present.

## WAR DECLARED

Germany Has Declared War on Portugal — Passports to Minister

BERLIN, March 9. (By wireless to Saville)—Germany declared war on Portugal at 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon and handed passports to the Portuguese minister.

## LOWELL BOYS CHOSEN

CONGRESSMAN ROGERS REVISES HIS LIST OF APPOINTMENTS TO ANNAPOLIS

Special to The Sun  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Representative Rogers today revised his list of Annapolis appointments, announcing as principal Edward E. Pace, first, second and third alternates, Douglas R. Buchanan, Mead S. Pearson, Philip F. Breene, all of Lowell. Former Principal Lundberg failed to pass the examination. Former Alternate Allen Hobbs has been made principal by Sen. Lodge.

## PAWTUCKET BRIDGE BILL

Special to The Sun  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Congressman Rogers, whose Pawtucket bridge bill passed in the house this week, has got the bill into the hands of the senate. He hopes to secure immediate action by getting a unanimous consent vote through the Massachusetts senators and thus save the usual delay of routine work in committees.

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## WITNESS IN ROPER CASE

Herbert Harnden of Tewksbury Taken to Jail to Be Detained as a Witness

Herbert Harnden, the Tewksbury youth who is locked up as a co-defendant in the Roper murder case, was taken from a camp near Silver lake in Wilmington by State Officers Eustace and Murtagh about 6 o'clock last evening, and removed to the Lowell jail for safe keeping. Harnden was not arrested. The police draw a very fine line in their definition when it comes to arrest and detention. Harnden is being detained as a witness and is not a prisoner in the police sense of the word.

The real reason for the state police interesting themselves in Harnden's whereabouts was due to the fact that Harnden failed to put in an appearance before the grand jury at the court house in Gorham street on Monday last. He had been notified to appear, but it seems he turned his steps in an opposite direction.

When the state police went to his house yesterday afternoon to inquire for Harnden they were told by his mother that the boy had not been home since Monday morning at which time he left for Lowell to appear before the grand jury. The state has not proceeded to get busy and were "tipped" that they might find young Harnden in one of two or three camps near Silver lake. The officers found Harnden in a camp with another young man some distance below Foster's turnout in Tewksbury and about two miles back from the highway.

from the fire was very thick and heavy. The blaze rapidly spread through the egg cases and other fixtures and in a few moments the room was gutted. Two or three streams were turned on the blaze and the roaring flames were quenched in due time. Shortly afterward a portion of the department was recalled to the scene to extinguish a slight fire that had started from a smoldering spark.

The cause of the fire has not been definitely established. An investigation being by Chief Saunders and Jas. E. Moody leads to the theory that it originated from spontaneous combustion.

**FIRE IN NELSON'S STORE**  
An automatic sprinkler performed its work to perfection when fire broke out in a box of rubbish in the basement of the 5 and 10 cent store of F. E. Nelson & Co. about 3.40 o'clock this morning. When the firemen arrived the blaze had been extinguished by the sprinkler though slight damage had been done by the water. All that was left for the firemen to do was to shut off the water and ascertain that there was no fire left.

**STUBBORN FIRE**  
Damage to Turner Centre Creamery and B. & M. Building

A stubborn fire in the basement of the storeroom for eggs in the plant of the Turner Centre Creamery at 5 Thorndike street shortly after 2 o'clock this morning caused considerable damage to the building owned by the Boston & Maine railroad and ruined the contents of the room, consisting of cases filled with eggs. Mr. Moody, manager of the creamery, estimates his damage at between \$60 and \$100, while the damage to the building will amount to about \$200.

Because of the fact that the fire started in the rear of the building, it was not discovered until it had made a good headway and eaten its way into the building. An alarm was sounded from box 212, corner of Thorndike and Middlesex streets. When the firemen arrived, in record time considering the bad going, the room was a mass of flames and the smoke

**HALIFAX'S ON THE SQUARE**  
WOMEN'S AND MISSES' SUITS AND DRESSES

Among the new suits are those of plain taffeta with cape collars and striped skirts, suits with short fancy jackets with sash, lace collars and silk revers edged with black velvet ribbon; styles in shepherd check, worsted and taffeta, all emphasizing the fact that the days of plain, severe style treatment and sombre colors have given place to a period of novelty and brightness.

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## UNDERGROUND WIRES

Continued

The telephone company's vice president, Mr. Hall, said that from the company's standpoint underground wires were most desirable and that the company would like to have all of its wires underground. He said it was simply a question of expense. It would seem good to have all fireproof buildings in Lowell, but we can't have everything just as we would like it. He said the mayor's plan to put all wires underground was absolutely prohibitive, as the conditions did not warrant it and that to attempt it would be an attempt to bankrupt the company.

## Lowell Well Cared For

Mr. Hall said that Lowell has more wires underground than any city of its size or caliber in the country and that 52 per cent of the telephone wires in Lowell are underground, as compared with a surprise to his auditors. The company has 25 miles of telephone conduits in this city and Mr. Hall said the mileage is being added to as fast as opportunity and good judgment can dictate. He said that the proposition to lay underground conduits for future service was by no means a feasible proposition. He said it was a case of burying a lot of dead property to be used later. As to the cost of construction, Mr. Hall said his company would be willing to lay underground wires where the cost was four times as great as overhead wires, but that the underground cost is usually much more than that.

The mayor then asked Mr. Hall why the company didn't anticipate further business and Mr. Hall replied that to lay underground wires in anticipation of business was an absolute waste of money. And to do what the mayor suggested be done in this city, he said, would mean that the company would have to do it in every other city. The proposition, he declared, would bankrupt the company if actually put in operation. He reiterated the statement that Lowell has more underground wires at the present time than any city of its size in the country.

Mr. McCoy at this point produced a map to show that the company was underground wires in all the main arteries of the city. There were black lines showing the conduits where accommodation has been made for city wires and where city wires have not yet been laid; red lines showing where the city wires are in with telephone wires and green lines showing places where the city has no overhead wires. The mayor then asked relative to the financing of improvements such as underground conduits. Mr. Hall said that the company usually borrows for new construction, the term of the loan being one or two years, or until such time as the company believes it feasible to issue stocks or bonds. He said the company preferred to issue stock. Mr. Hall said one thing that has assisted very materially in killing railroads and railroads has been too many bonds.

"If the city should put in conduits," said the mayor, "what would be the cost of renting space in the conduits on a 4 per cent basis?"

"If the conduits were safe, I think we would jump at the opportunity," said Mr. Hall. "But," he continued, "you would have to take into consideration the fact that we are in with the Lowell Electric Light corporation, for that would be an absolutely dangerous proposition. And there's another point to it. If the city can afford to build the conduits, the company can afford it, but I think it would be a very profitable business for the city. If the company puts to the conduits, of course the company would have to borrow the money."

"But what if the city should build the conduits and take you in on a 4 per cent basis—not requiring you to borrow any more?" said the mayor.

"We can go to a certain amount of

expense to reach our subscribers," said Mr. Hall, "and if we could do it cheaper by hiring conduits from the city, we would be glad to do it. But I am also honestly honest when I state that the city could not maintain conduits on any such basis without dragging it out of the tax levy. Baltimore and other cities tried it and failed."

## The Mayor Inquisitive

"How do they do in cities where there are no overhead wires?" queried the mayor and Mr. Hall replied there wasn't any city in the country without its overhead wires. He spoke of the city of Washington and Mr. Hall said that Washington has 175 miles of pole lines, but admitted that there are no overhead wires in the center of the city for radius of perhaps 3 miles. He said that in the heart of big cities where lines from all quarters come focusing in, the company can well afford to put its wires underground, that it is to the company's advantage to do so.

"Why was it that the public service corporations fought so strongly before the legislature against the municipal ownership of conduits?" asked the mayor.

"That was because it would imperil our whole service," said Mr. Hall. "In what way?"

"Well, if the city owned its own conduits we would be asked to occupy the same conduits as the Electric Light company and we don't want to be buried with them. Our construction is entirely different."

"Is there anything to the thought," queried the mayor, "that if every city owned its own conduits the telephone companies would fear competition?"

Mr. Hall admitted that might possibly be so, but declared that competition in either telephone or electric light was economically unsound. He said that the history of new companies coming in was a failure, that sooner or later they were unloaded to the people. He said that the objection of established companies to municipal ownership of conduits was not based on the fear of competition. "That," he said, "is not the underlying motive. The truth is that it couldn't be done. We could not go from a city or town conduit to our own and back again. That would be a deviation of responsibility and would mix matters up. As long as we have our own conduits the responsibility is ours and it is up to us."

"We intend to put in a lot of smooth black paving. Wouldn't it be advisable to lay underground wires before the paving is done?" asked the mayor.

"City after city has put the same proposition up to us," said Mr. Hall, "and we have always said, 'You might not be paving a street where we wouldn't receive any new business for three or four years. If we were sure of enough new business in the very near future to go ahead and do it, there would be some reason for our action, and I want you to know that we much prefer to go ahead of the pavers if conditions warrant it.'"

## Willing to Help Out

"We are planning for a new street across from city hall," said the mayor, "and if possible we would like to have all poles removed from that particular spot."

Mr. Hall asked Mr. Mahoney what he thought about it and Mr. Mahoney said it could be done very easily. "No trouble at all," he said.

"When you want to beautify a spot," said Mr. Hall, addressing the mayor, "we will go the limit with you."

The mayor then asked concerning the company's plans for wiring the proposed new bridge at Pawtucket falls and Mr. Mahoney said the company is working on tentative plans and that he would like to talk with the municipal council later on.

"So many citizens object to the granting of pole locations by the city government," said the mayor, "that it behooves us to find out all we can about the proposition and it was for the purpose of getting further insight into the matter that this conference was called. What would you say, Mr. Hall, to citizens who objected to pole locations if you were a member of the city government?"

"Now," said Mr. Hall, "I am talking as a citizen, and I say frankly that I would not pay much attention to them and I have had considerable experience along that line as a member of my own town government. The fellow who objects to a pole going in front of his house is absolutely wrong. That is, it should go in front of the other fellow's house. I have no sympathy for the man who wants to deprive his neighbor of some convenience or who is willing to subject his neighbor to something to which he objects himself. At my house I have asked for a sidewalk and in order to get it I must pay for a sidewalk in front of my neighbor's house. That's poor citizenship and it's poor citizenship when a man will object to a pole in a street, the pole having been put there to serve a neighbor with telephone or lighting. The man who is not anxious to extend a service

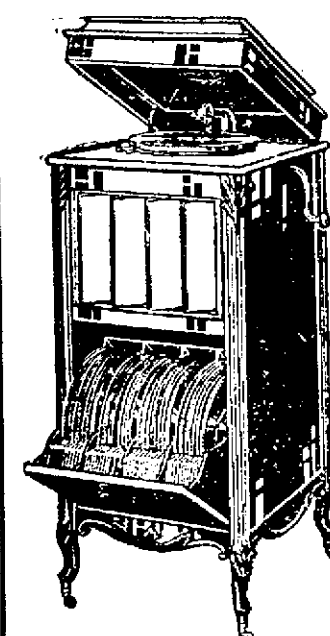
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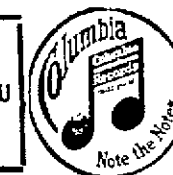
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to accommodate one or two people, but it's the company's duty to do it, and when the company asks for a pole location in a side street, the chances are it doesn't mean anything in the company's pocket."

## MR. HUNNEWELL'S VIEWS

Manager Hunnewell of the Lowell Electric Light corporation said the mayor's proposal that every future extension for electric lighting be made in underground conduits with cables, if enforced, would result in one of three things:

"The people in the residential sections of this city who wish to have electric lights and all advantages of electric service must pay more than double the amount of those already using and enjoying this electric service."

Or, the present users must pay more as well as future users, thus having present users share the cost of undergrounding in future extensions.

Or, no extensions made and no additional service furnished. Some one must pay for expensive underground construction.

If the people who do not have electric lights desire to have them and must be served with expensive underground construction and they are willing to pay annually more money than present users pay to reimburse the stockholders for this excessive investment, the problem is solved.

It does not seem probable that future users of electric light will wish to pay more than their neighbors or the present users are now paying for this same service.

To pursue this policy would mean very few extensions, and would mean also the stopping of development and growth in outlying residential sections of the city, for electric service is a great asset to every home. The use of electric light is not confined to the very wealthy homes. It has been particularly true during the last four or five years that no home, however small and inexpensive, has been erected where electric lighting has not been installed. It is important that these small, inexpensive homes have the benefit of electric light and attendant conveniences at as low rates as all other homes in the city, and the small home in particular should not be burdened with high rates of high charges, if for no other reason, since they are the least able to pay them.

It would seem axiomatic that the present users of electric service will not desire to pay more for their electric lights and thus share the burden with future users who must be served with costly undergrounding and it is apparent that the present users should not be compelled to share this burden since it would be decidedly unfair to serve all new streets in sparsely settled sections of Lowell with underground construction, whereas our present service are furnished in residential sections entirely with poles and wires.

The advantages of underground do not benefit any customer excepting the customer receiving the services from underground construction. It is indeed fair that the extraordinary costs of underground service should be paid for by the customers along the streets where the underground is installed. For underground construction on a street in Belvidere does not interest residents on Stevens street in the Highlands, neither should the residents of Christian Hill be charged for the cost of installing expensive underground in Pawtucketville.

It seems wise to place all wires and cables underground by the Electric Light corporation, and to have the corporation pay and eliminate as many poles as possible in this section. This proposition is easy of solution, since the area thus served with underground furnishes a very large number of users of electric current in a very small congested space, and the income derived from this section, or derived from the entire area where underground is used, offsets the excessive cost of undergrounding in that section and also of the entire city.

Were it possible to remove all underground from all streets where underground construction was to be installed, the problem would be a perfectly simple one.

No Future Extensions  
Another solution would be no ex-

tensions in the future, simply maintaining our present distribution system as it now exists.

To eliminate future extensions is almost impossible, decidedly unwise and not to be considered. People are demanding more and more electric lights in their homes, and particularly those who are building new homes along new streets that are being opened up, and electric service must be furnished them. To withhold electric service from these new homes would be to retard the growth of the city, and would be most unfair.

The problem then is—someone must pay for the cost for underground construction. Why not make the Electric Light company pay for the underground construction? This point should be carefully studied and considered with much thought. The answer is perfectly plain.

Every dollar spent or invested in poles or wires or invested for underground ducts and cables is supplied by the stockholders. The company must pay the stockholders for the use of their money in dividends and must also pay taxes on the value of poles and wires, or underground construction; must also pay for repairs and must set aside money to insure against the poles and wires or underground cables and ducts. To say that the company must pay for all of these things simply means that the people who use electric lights must pay for all of them. The company takes the money paid for electric lights and uses it to pay for the poles and wires or underground cables and ducts, and all of the charges just mentioned; that is, those who use electric lights pay the cost.

The user pays the stockholders' dividends; the user pays the taxes on the value of the poles, wires or underground cables and ducts; the user pays for repairs; the user pays for the cost of the poles, wires or underground cables and ducts. If the people who use electric lights do not pay enough money for them the Electric Light company will gradually approach bankruptcy and will cease to exist. If you do not pay dividends, you cannot have your money back. If you do not pay for new extensions, you cannot have the necessity of paying taxes. If you do not set aside money to rebuild your pole lines, your underground ducts and cables, rebuild your station, replace your boilers, replace engines, the service will grow decidedly poorer. If you do not set aside money to replace, with ease to use the service, and catastrophe to the company will follow.

This process is continuous. The stockholders furnish money; the people use electric light pay dividends or interest on the money; the Electric Light corporation has absolutely no money that does not belong to the stockholders or to the people who use

electric lights. The Electric Light corporation simply takes the stockholders' money and invests it in the station, engines, boilers, poles, wires, underground cables, etc. Then the Electric Light corporation buys coal, employs labor and makes the service and sells it to the people who use electric lights. takes their money and pays dividends to the stockholders, pays for coal, for the employees' labor, pays taxes and all expenses, sets aside enough money to rebuild and renew. There is a complete cycle that goes on continuously. When you stop any phase of this cycle, disaster surely follows, either at once or creeps on gradually.

## Who'll Pay the Freight?

Our mayor has proposed "that all wire extensions that are to be made in future be placed in conduits, that no further pole locations be granted."

This brings up sharply the question of who shall pay for these extraordinary costs of underground conduits and cables for future extensions. That this problem may be clearly understood, I have prepared information which I believe will clearly illustrate the seriousness of such a proposal.

From the data that I have accumulated, it is immediately apparent to enforce the proposal of Mayor O'Donnell, the future users of electric lights will need to pay more than double what the present users of electric light are paying, or the present users must pay an additional charge. Some one must pay for the costly underground construction. This can be illustrated very concretely by taking different extensions of our service, either proposed, about to be made, or taking certain streets already served and considering the cost of underground construction and the cost of furnishing the service.

The first illustration that is very clear indeed would be the cost of serving approximately ninety customers on Daniels street, this city:

February 23rd Commissioner James B. Donnelly wrote our corporation asking if we would not "lay conduits instead of wiring on poles on Daniels street." We have investigated this cost and find the total amount of money we would be compelled to invest in underground to serve the nine customers on this street would be over \$2500. The yearly expense in fixed charges on this investment would be over \$310. The amount of money that will be paid our corporation by all of the nine customers, together, on Daniels street every year will be approximately \$135. This shows there will be immediately a yearly loss to our corporation of \$207. This is in considering the underground costs alone. There should be added to this loss of \$207 the costs of furnishing the service, of making the current, of reading the meters, all of the costs incidental to the service of every house customer; and adding these charges to the fixed charges on the underground, together with the fixed charges on the station capacity set aside for their service, also with the cost of our office force and the expenses of operation, makes a total cost for furnishing the service on Daniels street of \$505, while the yearly income or money paid to this corporation from those services will be \$135, making a yearly loss to our corporation of \$370.

There is another feature to be considered,—on Daniels street the cost to each house lighting customer to connect this wiring system to our underground ducts in the street we have estimated would cost not less than \$33 for each connection.

Another element enters into this problem. All costs of underground construction that I submit are compiled entirely on the cost of placing the underground ducts during the favorable weather for such work. There are many months each year during the winter and cold season when underground construction is practically impossible.

Information Regarding Extensions  
I have prepared information regarding a great many extensions made during the past few months in various sections of the city, but do not believe it necessary to include them all at this time. The illustration given is typical of all others and the loss in furnishing electric lights with underground service in residential sections is nearly the same in all cases.

One more illustration would be of particular interest, since the section of the city taken is a very large one and surely is representative.

That this can be considered on a large scale, I have compiled the cost of furnishing electric lights from underground construction through the entire Highlands, beginning from the corner of Chelmsford and Westford streets and including all of the streets through the Highland section of this city.

The total cost for underground service in that territory would be over \$250,000. The total income from house lighting customers is somewhat over \$14,000 each year, and the income from street lighting somewhat over \$10,000, the total income being less than \$25,000 each year.

The cost of furnishing the same service is over \$250,000.

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## EAGLES, NOTICE!

All members of Lowell Aerie are requested to be present at the home of our late brother, Anthony J. Irvin, 9 Union street, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing an officer and will be held. Per order.

PATRICK J. MCCANN, W. Pres.

JOHN M. HOGAN, Sec.



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## DEMAND 8 HOUR DAY

PROSPECT OF STRIKE OF 400,000 RAILROAD MEN UNLESS TERMS ARE GRANTED

CHICAGO, March 9.—Announcement of the referendum vote of 400,000 railroad employees involving every road in the country, or 328 different lines, on the question of demanding an eight-hour day with time and a half for overtime, will not be made until late today. Friday. The vote of the men is said to be overwhelmingly in favor of the demands. The present wage agreements expire March 31. The taking of the vote by mail has been in progress several months.

Officers of the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen organizations met here yesterday to formulate the vote and consider plans for presenting the demands. The union leaders conferred all day, but said no announcement of the result of the vote would be made within 48 hours.

Those present were: W. S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers; A. B. Garretson, Order of Railway Conductors; P. Kilduff, chairman of the executive committee; W. J. Burke, vice-chairman of the executive committee; H. A. Kneels, secretary of the executive committee, and E. J. Godd, assistant secretary of the executive committee.

Mr. Lee said yesterday afternoon: "There is little question that the vote will be in favor of the eight-hour day and for immediate action. If that is the case the railroads will be notified that the men demand an eight-hour day and they will be given 30 days in which to prepare their reply. If the demands are refused, our next step will be to call for a referendum strike."

Business is flourishing at the Waterhead mills in Lawrence street and the plant is being operated night and day. Corduroys, velveteens and similar lines are manufactured. Up until a short time ago the mills were working on an order for the French government but this has been completed. It is understood that the mills are now working on domestic lines.

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Peas	8c	Red Salmon	17c
Tomatoes	10c	Shrimps	10c
Apples	10c	Clams	9c
Strawberries	10c	5c Sardines	7 for 25c
Prunes	13c	10c Sardines	8c
Peaches	13c	Welcome Soap	6 bars for 25c
Macaroni	7c	Bee Soap	6 bars for 25c
Spaghetti	7c	Naphtha Soap	6 bars for 25c
Vermicelli	7c	Ivory Soap	6 bars for 25c
Corn Starch	7c		

Rice, lb.	5c	Soapine	6 for 25c
Coffee, lb.	25c	Onions, lb.	4c
Pure Lard, lb.	12 1/2c	Carrots, lb.	2c
Butter, lb.	33c	Beets, lb.	2c

FLOUR—		Turnips, lb.	2c
Snowdrop, Gold Best, 5 lb. bag	22c	Lettuce, head	5c

Spare Ribs, lb.	8c	Sliced Ham, lb.	22c
Lean Salt Pork, lb.	16c	Fat Salt Pork, lb.	12c
Bacon, lb.	20c	Beef Liver, lb.	10c

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# POLICE COURT DOCKET

## Several Offenders Sentenced—Larceny and Drunkenness the Chief Charges

Charged with larceny of \$17.50 from a local coal dealer, having delivered two tons of coal and appropriated the money collected to his own use, George Martin, a coal tender, was brought before Judge Bright in the local court today and pleaded not guilty, claiming that he had no intention of stealing the money. He admitted being under the influence of liquor when arrested.

The foreman in charge at the coal yards, stated that Martin had been employed by him for only 10 days. Yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock he was sent out with two tons of coal in bags to deliver. At noon the horses and coal sled were found at the elevator in Tanner street and all attempts to locate the driver at that time proved futile.

The police were notified and in the afternoon Patrolman Linnane discovered Martin wandering his way down Middlesex street. When first questioned, said the officer, the defendant

said that his name was Duccette. He admitted having worked for the dealer and said that he collected about \$18 and spent part of it for booze.

The husband of one of the women to whom the coal was delivered claimed that Martin eluded them out of about four bags of coal. Martin claimed that he got so drunk in the forenoon he could not continue his work and so started for home, intending to return the money the next day. He was found guilty and in order that the story of the woman who claims to have been cheated can be investigated, the case was continued until tomorrow for sentence.

### Held on Old Charge

Leon J. Cooper pleaded guilty to a complaint of stealing a suit valued at \$16.50, a watch valued at seven dollars, and a one dollar bill from Edward J. Nelson in February, 1915. On the night of February 16 of that year, Cooper was down and out and a friend

introduced him to Nelson in Middlesex street. The latter very kindly offered to share his bed with the unfortunate and took him to his room. The next morning Nelson got up to go to work and left Cooper sleeping in his room. When he returned the young man had gone and taken with him the articles aforementioned. He left the city and was not apprehended until yesterday when his arrest was made by Inspector Walsh.

Cooper said that he earns \$12 or \$13 a week in the Boot Mills and agreed to pay Nelson five dollars a week until restitution is made. This was satisfactory to the complainant and a suspended sentence to the reformatory at Concord was imposed as an inducement for the young man to hurry along his payments.

### Sentenced to Jail

A sentence of four months in jail was handed to James Downey after he had pleaded guilty to stealing a pocketbook valued at one dollar, and four dollars in cash from Alice R. Leith. It seems that Miss Leith left her pocketbook on the piano near the office of her father, Dr. Leith, in full view from the sidewalk. Downey happened along and saying the pocketbook went in, took it and quickly departed. He was arrested spending the money in Middlesex street saloons. Downey was also found guilty of stealing 11 pairs of rubber heels from John Dillon of Church street.

The absence of an efficient interpreter made a continuance necessary in the case of Gustaf Christensen, charged with non-support of his wife, Florence. A son of the couple was introduced as an interpreter but he failed to prove satisfactory and the case was continued until tomorrow.

Joseph H. Conley and Michael P. McDermott, who on Tuesday were each sentenced to eight months in the house of correction for larceny from the person of Charlie Roberts, were called today and informed of their right of appeal. They accepted the sentence and were committed.

Elizabeth M. Hayes was arrested only a few hours after being released from the house of correction where she had served three months. A suspended sentence to the reformatory for women was imposed. Catherine Martin was given a suspended sentence to the state farm on condition that she stay out of Lowell for one year. Eva Benson was suffering from an injured shoulder when arrested a few days ago. Since then she has been at the Chelmsford street hospital. Although on probation at the present time she was given one more opportunity.

## SENATOR GORE COMING

HE WILL BE A SPEAKER AT THE BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET THIS EVENING

Senator Thomas Gore, the blind statesman from Oklahoma, who will be one of the speakers at the annual dinner of the board of trade this evening, has traveled all the way from Washington, D. C., to Boston without an escort and this morning he informed Secretary Murphy over the telephone that he could manage to come to Lowell alone this evening.

The brilliant orator addressed the Boston chamber of commerce at its annual dinner at the American house this noon. He is making his headquarters at the Copley Plaza and he will come to this city on the 5 o'clock train. He will be met at the station and taken to the York club, where he will be entertained prior to going to the Casino.

Prof. Hart of Harvard will be the other speaker.

## ICE CROP HARVESTED

GAGE COMPANY HAS FINISHED THE WORK AND THE SUPPLY IS AMPLE

Miss Martina Gage of the Daniel Gage Co. informed The Sun this morning that her men are through cutting ice on the Merrimack river and the crop is as good if not better than that of last year.

After the last cold spell the employees of the company got busy on the river and they finished their task last Sunday. Thousands of tons measuring between 5 and 9 inches in thickness have been stored for the summer supply and it is believed with what was cut on the ponds in the surrounding towns, the supply will last until next winter.

On the ponds the ice attained a thickness of between 8 and 11 inches. It is cleared of snow and is reported to be the best for a long time. Miss Gage says that after the first cold spell, she feared the Lowell icehouses would not be filled, but the last spell did the work, and the Lowell residents will be supplied with ice until next winter.

## DETECTIVE HOY LOST

DECISION GIVEN BY JUDGE ENRIGHT IN CASE AGAINST TOWN OF BILLERICA

A finding in favor of the selectmen of the town of Billerica was made late yesterday afternoon by Judge Enright in the civil suit of James Henry Hoy to collect for detective services alleged to have been rendered in investigating liquor cases. Hoy testified that he and each operator used by him was to receive five dollars a day and expenses for all work done. After the selectmen, Burton O. Sanford, Ralph E. Manning and Joseph Wright, had each testified that they agreed to do the work for not more than \$250, the court found in favor of the defendants, the aforementioned selectmen and the inhabitants of Billerica.

## UNDERGROUND WIRES

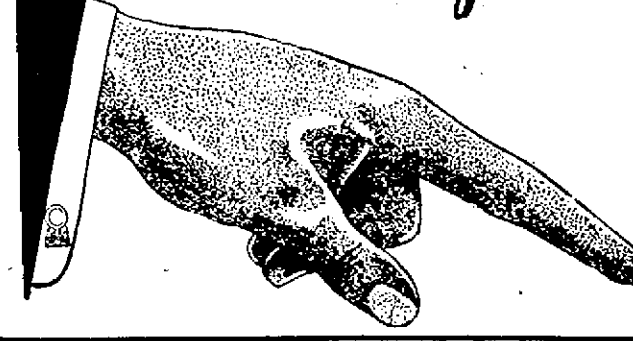
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vice each year with underground construction, together with operating expenses and annual fixed charges would be \$48,000 and the income is less than \$20,000.

From all of the information compiled, it is apparent that the cost to the corporation of furnishing the service, if underground construction was enforced in the residential sections, would be more than double the amount of money that the customers are now paying us for electric lights. There can be no solution for this problem unless those who use electric lights wish to pay more than twice as much as they are now paying for this service, which does not seem probable.

Our charges and rates for electric light are particularly low when compared with other Massachusetts cities. Until 1908 we furnished electric light at a price lower than any other corporation in the commonwealth of Mas-

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sachusetts; and until two years ago, the price was far below the average price charged for this service.

We believe our policy in installing underground in this city has been particularly broad and liberal. We have installed a large amount of underground cable and duct covering the entire section from Perry street to Church and Andover, along Andover to Nesmith, along Church to Central, along Central to Elm, along Central to Merrimack, including Prescott, along East Merrimack to High, along Bridge street to the river, along Merrimack and Moody streets to Aiken, along Middle, along Market to Shattuck and Dutton, along Dutton to Broadway, along Middlesex street from Central to Walker street. We cover the entire business section of the city where there is congestion of traffic and congestion of buildings.

Our policy is to gradually install additional underground continuing the original system existing, and provide as much underground from year to year as is made necessary by the changes and growth in the municipality, and as warranted from the income along the streets to be served in this manner.

### Ornamental Street Lighting

In reply to questions by the mayor, Mr. Hunnewell admitted that if the Lowell Electric Light corporation had anticipated the ornamental street lighting when it laid its original conduits the present ornamental street lighting would not have been so expensive. But the original conduits were laid, he said, ornamental street lighting had not been thought of; that conduits had been down about 20 years, while ornamental street lighting has been in vogue only about five years. Mr. Hunnewell spoke about the sharing of cost in lighting that persons living in one section of the city did not want to share the expense of expensive lighting in another section.

"We have better streets in some sections of the city than in others," said the mayor, "but all hands have to share the expense."

There was more or less discussion along this line and the mayor then asked Mr. Hunnewell what was the cost per mile for maintenance of overhead wires, suggesting that in the long run the underground wires would be cheaper.

Mr. Hunnewell couldn't tell the exact cost of overhead wires, but he did not think underground wires would be cheaper because of the first cost being so much greater.

The mayor spoke of Daniels street, his cottage and that if any thing should happen the light wires it would be "good night" to the whole telephone system.

"How about the same conduit and separate ducts?" asked the mayor.

"We couldn't stand for that either," said Mr. Mahoney. "There would be a great danger of street or manhole explosions. We are not on the same side of the streets in Lowell as the Lowell Electric Light company. Our conduits are on one side and theirs are on the other, and we are as near as we care to be."

The United States where the telephone and electric light wires occupy the same conduit and so far as double occupancy was concerned the question was settled right there and then—nothing doing.

"What do you say about the city owning its own conduits?" asked the mayor addressing Mr. Hunnewell.

"It occurs to me," said Mr. Hunnewell, "that our service is a very hard one to maintain. It requires specialists to operate it and keep it at or near perfect point. With our own conduits we are directly responsible and we do not want to share that responsibility for I think it would not be for the good of the public."

"The city might have the conduits built under your supervision and just receive revenue for them," suggested the mayor, but Mr. Hunnewell allowed it didn't sound very logical just now.

"How do you account Mr. Hunnewell?" queried the mayor. "For public service corporations wishing to pay for franchises?"

"I do not know that I am in a position to discuss that question," said Mr. Hunnewell.

Mr. Mahoney wondered why it was that the attack was always made on the Lowell Electric Light company and the New England Telephone company. He wanted to know what about the other public service corporations with wires, the Bay State Street railway, the Postal and the Western Union, and to this the mayor and Commissioner Duncan said that the other companies

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## DEATHS

WYNN—James F. Wynn, infant son of William J. and Margaret (Dutton) Wynn, died yesterday at the Children's hospital in Boston, aged 14 months. The body was brought to this city and taken to the home of his parents, 4 Ames place, off School street.

O'CONNELL—Philip O'Connell, aged 55 years, the father of Mrs. John Finnigan of Lowell is dead at his home in Lawrence.

STANLEY—The many friends of Walter S. and Lottie L. (Oxner) Stanley, who will be grieved to hear of the death of their only child, Walter L. Stanley, who passed away last evening, at the home of his parents, 39 Norcross street, after a short illness, at the age of 1 year, 6 months and 5 days. Funeral notice later.

BAGSHAW—Mrs. Sarah A. Bagshaw, formerly of this city, died Tuesday at the family home, 12 Willoughby street.

Lawrence, aged 60 years. Mrs. Bagshaw was born in Richmond, Conn. She lived in Lowell for 25 years before moving to Lawrence, where she has made her home for the past 30 years. She leaves her husband, Arthur E., who was formerly well known in musical circles; two sons, William E. of Lowell, and Arthur H. Bagshaw of Lowell; and three daughters, Ella M. Thorne of West Somerville, Mrs. Mae E. Wilkinson of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Edith M. Randall of Lawrence.

CARD OF THANKS  
We, the undersigned, wish to express publicly sincere thanks to those relatives, neighbors and friends who, by their many kind acts, assisted us during the illness, and at the death of our beloved mother. Also for the many offerings tendered, both spiritual and floral, we are grateful. All acts of sympathy and kindness were appreciated deeply by  
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Mackerel .....15c  
Shrimps ..... 9c



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Boneless Pot Roast, lb. 14c  
Legs of Veal, lb. ....18c  
Legs Fall Lamb, lb. ....18c  
Roasts of Pork, lb. ....15c  
Navel End Brisket, lb. ....9c  
Flat Ribs, lb. ....10c  
Chuck Roast, lb. ....13c  
Sirloin Roast, lb. ....22c

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Pickled Onions .....25c  
Gherkins .....25c  
Sour Gherkins .....25c  
Queen Olives .....25c  
Manzanilla .....25c

# FAIRBURN'S

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## INDUSTRIAL AND STORE NEWS

The Steam and Operating Engineers' union, local 35, held a very largely attended meeting last evening in its Central street headquarters, the weather falling to interfere with the attendance in the least. It was reported that in nearly all places the wage scale recently submitted has been agreed to. The scale submitted to quarry owners was compromised and a revised schedule has been sent by the local union to the international organization for endorsement. All the city engineers excepting those employed in the water department, are now receiving the wage increase asked for, and local 35 will ask for a conference with Commissioner Putnam next Tuesday evening to discuss the matter.

Organizer Scott Here  
Organizer Charles Scott of Philadelphia, affiliated with the Blacksmiths' international union, was in Lowell last night and attended the meeting held by the local organization. The union will hereafter hold its meetings on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

Nashua Trade in Lowell  
Local merchants have made such an inroad on Nashua trade that the press of the Gale city has been asked not to accept advertisements coming from Lowell stores. One of the local merchants is endeavoring to keep up his advertising by sending letters to every family in Nashua and to date he has met with much success. The people of Nashua know that they can save money by trading in this city.

Mr. George H. Barker, an efficiency expert of New York, will lecture under Y.M.C.A. auspices at Colonial hall on the evening of March 15 at 8 p. m. Mayor O'Donnell and other prominent men have agreed to attend. Mr. J. Droubit is the local organizer.

## SUN BRIEVITIES

Best printing: Tobin's, Asso. Bldg. Auto supplies, Beharrell, 23 Middle. J. F. Donohoe, Donovan bldg., real estate and insurance. Telephone.

If your teeth trouble you see Dr. Gagnon, 468 Merrimack street.

Frederick J. Campbell, of 155 Stackpole street, who appeared as a gypsy girl was the prize winner at the Y.M.C.A. character party held Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Counihan of Pawtucket, R. I. are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Counihan was formerly Miss Mary Leahy of Lowell.

The Sookkian school in the Bradley building offers every woman an easy, economical course of study and practice in cutting and designing their spring garments.

The first of the series of talks in the "First Aid to the Injured" course, scheduled to be opened at the Y.M.C.A. last evening was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

Mrs. Harry Raynes and Miss Katherine L. Shannon of Lowell were recent visitors at the exhibit of California products conducted in Los Angeles by the chamber of commerce.

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# DARK CONTINENT

## Africa Greatest Region of Colonial Exploitation in the World

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—

The practical termination of German rule in Africa serves to emphasize again the fact that the Dark Continent is the greatest region of colonial exploitation in the world. The area of Africa is 11,262,000 square miles, exclusive of its islands. It will be seen from this that it is nearly four times as large as the United States. It has a population of 127,000,000.

And yet there are only two small countries in the entire country that are independent—Liberia and Abyssinia. Liberia is an area of 111,000 square miles and a population equal to that of the city of Philadelphia. Abyssinia's area is a little more than twice as great as that of France or Germany and its population equals that of Pennsylvania.

France controls a territory in Africa larger than that of the entire United States including Alaska. The African population under English dominion is one-half as great as the entire population of the United States. France, at the outset of the war had an African territory equal in area to that of the United States and all of her possessions and Mexico. The population of French African territories equals that of Brazil.

Portuguese holdings in Africa are as large as Mexico, with a population about half as dense. Belgian holdings are one-third and those of Italy one-fifth, as large as the territory of continental United States.

It is an interesting fact that Great Britain's holdings in Africa are almost exactly equal to those in North America. They are thirty-five times as large as the United Kingdom itself, and have a population large enough to replace that of the United Kingdom with enough to populate a new London to spare.

The African holdings of France are twenty-two times as large in area as the home country itself, while the population is nearly two-thirds as great. Belgian holdings are eighty-two times as great in area as Belgium herself, while the population is more than twice as great. Italy controls 343,000 square miles of African territory.

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which is five times as much as her European area.

These figures were prepared by the National Geographic society, whose headquarters are in Washington, and which now has the largest membership of any scientific institution in the world. The statement which contains them is as follows:

The manner in which the nations of Europe have apportioned the second largest continent of the world among themselves forms one of the most unique chapters in the history of political geography.

Before 1890 Africa was allowed to drift along almost undisturbed by the politics of the outside world. It is true that scientific and commercial activities from Europe had invaded the continent, but there had never been any apportionment of territory having the sanction of international agreements.

In 1884 King Leopold of Belgium succeeded in having a conference called to determine the status of the Congo territory held in trust for civilization by the African International association. The result of this conference was the setting up of the Congo Free State, with the king of Belgium at its head. In addition thereto the conference defined the general sphere of influence of the powers in Africa.

In 1890, following out the plans of the conference, Great Britain negotiated a treaty, signed in Berlin, which gave her Uganda and thus thwarted a dream the Germans had long held of a through railroad across Africa entirely on German soil. On the other hand, by gaining possession of the territory in southern Africa to the Belgian Congo, Germany as effectively prevented the construction of a Cape-Cairo railway under British control.

A month later the English and French signed an agreement recognizing a British protectorate over Zanzibar and Pemba, a French protectorate over Madagascar, and a French sphere of influence from Algeria southward to a point between the town of Say and Lake Chad. Still later England and Portugal came to an agreement defining the delimitations of their respective territories.

In later years came the Boer war, and after another general scramble for influence in Africa, in which Great Britain secured control over the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, Belgium formally annexed the Congo Free State. Italy seized Tripoli, and France finally extended a protectorate over Morocco.

Germany's holdings in Africa at the outbreak of the war amounted to nearly a million square miles, and had a population of about 13,000,000.

### SAVE \$12,000 IN SALARIES

BILL PROVIDES FOR ABOLISHING SOME STATE BOARD SECRETARIES—WILL BE REPORTED SOON

BOSTON, Mar. 9.—A central administration bureau for the various state boards of registration, which, it is claimed, will result in an annual saving of \$12,000 in salaries and clerical expenses, is provided for in a bill which will be reported in a few days by the special committee which is considering the consolidation of commissions.

The establishment of the administration bureau would result in abolishing the positions of the paid secretaries of the boards of registration in dentistry, podiatry, nursing, veterinary medicine and embalming. The secretaries of the state boards of registration in medicine and pharmacy would be continued and made members of the central administration board. The chairman of the administration board would be named by the governor from the membership of the various examining boards as they are at present constituted. The chairman would receive \$500 in addition to the salary he receives as a member of his own particular board of registration, but the other two members would serve without extra pay.

The bill would limit the clerical staff of the administration board to two stenographers and two clerks. Appli-

cations for registration will be received by the central board, but the actual conduct of examinations will be carried on by the several boards as at present.

A sub-committee to consider the proposed reorganization of the public service commission, consisting of Chairman Hayes, Representative Elz, Henry Smith and Representative Daniel W. Casey, has been appointed by the special committee.

The committee voted to give leave to withdraw to the petitioners for a bill to establish a Connecticut river commission, and also to the petitioners for a bill to abolish the fire prevention commission's office.

On Tuesday, March 14, at 10:30 o'clock the special committee will give a continued hearing on the proposed consolidation of the industrial accident board, the board of labor and industries, the minimum wage board and other matters before the committee on which hearings have not been closed.

### THE Y.W.C.A. CAMPAIGN

SUM OF \$3900 TO BE RAISED BY SATURDAY NIGHT—OVER \$1000 RAISED

Between the hour that the meeting of the Y.W.C.A. campaign workers closed last evening and Saturday night, the teams will have to raise \$2900 in order to make the campaign a success. The reports of the team captains last night totaled \$164.50, bringing the amount received to date up to \$1608.50.

The religious team, Mrs. J. G. Buttrick, captain, again brought in the largest amount, \$161, being closely followed by the Extension team with \$133. Mrs. Buttrick reported a gift of \$100 from Deacon A. D. Carter. The amounts by teams follow:

Religious	\$161.00
Social	54.00
Residence	50.00
Extension	133.00
Girls' Work	18.00
Gymnasium	110.50
Educational	24.25
Summer Work	95.75

Total \$667.50  
Monday's total \$1941.00  
Grand total \$1608.50

Mrs. J. E. Gibson, campaign manager, announced that the campaign would continue until Saturday night, one day longer than originally planned. This step was taken as a result of the inclement weather yesterday and the fact that the money has been coming in slowly.

The supper served at 6 o'clock last evening was under the direction of the women of the Eliot Congregational church, Mrs. E. D. Holden chairman of the committee.

### SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of Local Excelsior lodge, 6303, L.O.O.F.M.U., was held in Post 120 hall, Merrimack street, with W. G. Fred Swindells presiding. Several applications for membership were acted upon and one new member was initiated. Arrangements have been made by the entertainment committee for the annual tea party. It was announced that the married and single men will hold a bowling match March 13.

### Clan Grant O.S.C.

The stormy weather last evening was responsible for the small attendance at the regular meeting of Clan

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Grant, O.S.C. Routine business was transacted. Arrangements were perfected for the visit Friday to Clan MacPherson of Lawrence where Royal Chief A. G. Finley of Seattle, Wash., will be tendered a reception.

### FOR OUR COTTON GOODS

NEW MARKET OPENED—STRAITS SETTLEMENTS NEED \$14,000,000 WORTH OF GOODS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—There is a market for \$14,000,000 worth of cotton goods annually in the Straits Settlements and the United States has a smaller share of the trade than any other competitor. For the last four years our sales in this quarter have amounted to only \$22,000,000 annually. In a report entitled "Cotton Goods in the Straits Settlements," just issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce, it is stated that American manufacturers have either overlooked this market entirely or have failed to appreciate it because there has been available no first-hand information regarding it.

The chief obstacle to American trade in cotton goods, the report states, "and, as a matter of fact, in all goods," is the lack of an American importing firm in the Straits Settlements. It would not be true, however, to say that the British importing houses, which handle nearly all the business are adverse to purchasing American merchandise, because many of them are actually importing a considerable quantity of goods from the United States, and an American traveler who recently spent some time in Singapore, made a thorough canvass of the market and succeeded in getting some very substantial orders, goods that when he could furnish the goods at competitive prices he could in most cases get the business.

The greater part of the report is taken up with careful descriptions of the kinds of cotton goods in demand in the Straits Settlements, although considerable space is given to an analysis of trade statistics. For the assistance of American manufacturers, Ralph M. Odell, the author of the report, collected a hundred samples of cotton goods actually in demand in the Straits Settlements. These samples are described in the report and the samples themselves will be sent to the various textile centers for examination by the manufacturers interested in the far eastern markets.

The valuable chapter is devoted to such important subjects as obstacles to trade, steamship lines and rates, practical information and language, currency, tariffs, etc. The most certain way of building up a large trade in the Straits Settlements, the report states, is to send a fully qualified salesman, who should carry samples, such as hosiery, underwear and other made-up articles.

It will doubtless surprise many American manufacturers to learn that the cotton goods trade of the Straits Settlements is so large and that it exists in value the aggregate trade of the Red Sea district and East Africa, with which they are more or less familiar. It is true that we have not manufactured some of the important lines in this trade, but we do manufacture some of the lines, and our failure to secure a share of the trade appears to be due most of all to indifference and neglect. The market is well worth

more attention and if properly studied will in a few years become an important outlet for American cotton goods. The new bulletin is designated Special Agents' Series No. 115 and is sold for the nominal sum of 10 cents by the district offices of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce and by the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C. It contains 57 pages.

### REPLIES TO CHURCHILL

BALFOUR RESENTS ATTACK ON NAVY—BLAMES PREDECESSOR FOR SHIPWRIGHTS EXISTING

LONDON, March 9.—Bitterness marked the reply of A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons yesterday to Col. Winston Spencer Churchill's attack on the naval administration, which, the first lord said, was unfortunate both in form and substance, and likely to arouse misgivings among the people.

While deprecating the controversy, Mr. Balfour declared:

"I absolutely deny Col. Churchill's charges. He then threw the blame on Col. Churchill for depleting the ranks of skilled shipwrights by allowing them to join the army during Churchill's tenure of office, thus hindering the shipbuilding plans, which, however, the government had succeeded in keeping abreast with the needs."

"If the fleets at the command of this country at this moment are insufficient to secure safety then in the whole history of Great Britain they never have been," was one of the parting shots uttered by Mr. Balfour.

Col. Churchill retorted with a brief speech, repeating his doubts about the execution of the battleship and destroyer program and asserting that even now Mr. Balfour had not given any assurance on this point. He admitted that there was no reason to suppose that the British margin of strength was not sufficient, but he thought the greatest efforts should be made to build at the highest possible speed.

Other members protested against such a contest in the house of commons, and James M. Hogg, radical for East Edinburgh, criticized Col. Churchill for starting a controversy

which could not be easily stopped. A number of other departments of admiralty activity, such as regulating merchant shipping, arming of merchantmen and air defense were subjected to discussion, but the committee of the house eventually approved a vote for \$50,000 men for the navy and several "token" appropriations for navy expenditures, which had been introduced in this manner in order to avoid giving total amounts.

### NEW \$25,000,000 MILL

TUBE PLANT TO BE ERRECTED AT GARY, IND. BY U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

NEW YORK, March 9.—A new tube plant to cost \$25,000,000 will be erected at Gary, Ind., by the United States steel corporation, according to official announcement made here late yesterday by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation.

The new plant with other extension work authorized during the last six months will make a total of about \$3,000,000 appropriated for new construction.

"We have decided," said Mr. Gary, "to build and will promptly commence the construction of a first class tube plant at Gary. It is estimated the improvements, including ore docks, ore yards, blast furnaces, converting mills, blooming mills, power station, water works, sheared plate mill, universal plate mills, butt mills, job shops and all auxiliary departments, will cost \$25,000,000. It is probable the plant will be built in two units, the first of which, it is hoped, will be completed in about 14 months."

MINERS WORK AT WAR FRONT LONDON, Mar. 9.—Ten thousand more skilled miners will be wanted on the British war front during the next twelve months to carry on the work of tunneling for the laying of mines, according to Robert Smillie, president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain.

In making this announcement, Mr. Smillie stated that while a considerable number of miners were already engaged in this work the government wanted more and was going to appeal to the home office for them. These men, however, will have to be enrolled as volunteers.

### Druggists Praise Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root

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November 12th, 1915.

### DUEL WITH REVOLVERS

HUNDREDS AT WARREN, R. I., WITNESS GUN BATTLE—NO ONE INJURED

WARREN, R. I., March 9.—A dispute began last Monday between Joseph Lamarc, a factory hand of Bristol, and Nicholas Bouché, a barber of this town, over the discharge of a relative of one of the men from a factory, ended in a duel with revolvers when the men met yesterday on Bowen street.

Hundreds of men and women entering a factory were alarmed by the discharging of revolvers. Running and dodging back of fences and trees, the two men fired three shots each and then decamped without hitting anyone.

They eluded the police, who made a thorough search of tenement houses in the vicinity, but the duellists could not be found. Descriptions of the men were sent out.

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CENTRE AISLE



## DIED AT HIS POST

Master of Clearway Won  
From Sea But Lost to  
Death—Fearful Trip

BOSTON, March 9.—Victorious in a terrible battle against winds and seas, the facts of which make some of the wildest flights of imagination of fiction writers seem commonplace, Capt. Charles W. Pickthorn, commander of the tramp steamer Clearway, 71 days out of Calcutta by way of Cape Verde Islands, dropped dead on the bridge of his terribly battered vessel as she passed in by Boston Lightship to safely late yesterday afternoon.

"The valiant captain, weakened by a constant vigil of five days and four nights, guiding his vessel and men to safety in Boston harbor, kept on his feet on the bridge until the lights blinked out which meant the end of the voyage and a safe harbor."

Seeing him totter and fall his officers hurried to the bridge. His unconscious form was tenderly lifted and carried to his cabin. Assuming command Chief Officer Jones ordered full speed ahead. Every man aboard did his level best and within a few seconds the big tramp was plowing into the harbor probably faster than ever tramp steamer plowed before.

Up in the cabin such officers as could be spared from the bridge and deck clustered about their rapidly sinking captain, applying what first aid measures they could. A few minutes before quarantine was reached, however, the gallant commander breathed his last.

Word had been sent ahead and the tug Vigilant, the boarding boat of the quarantine officials, met the Clearway a short distance below the usual station.

## Doctor Arrives Too Late

"Too late," sang out Chief Officer Jones from the bridge as Dr. Looney, port physician, came hurrying up the ladder, surgical case in hand. "He died a few minutes ago, just as we could make out the lights of the city flicking through the haze."

Sadly the officers followed the port physician to the cabin leading off the bridge, where the body of the much loved captain lay. Dr. Looney made a brief examination, and made out a death certificate stating that Capt. Pickthorn died of apoplexy.

Then the physician departed and the steamer came slowly on up the harbor and docked at pier 47, Mystic docks. As the lines were being fastened a mail bag was thrown aboard, and sorting this the officers came across a number of letters for the dead captain, among them letters from Mrs. Pickthorn, living in Endeavor Gardens, Hford, Eng., and from one of the dead commander's sons, a Lieutenant in the British army, now at the front. The captain was 51 years old and had been in command of the Clearway for some four years. He was immensely popular with his men and officers.

The voyage of the tramp steamer, 12,900 miles around the Cape of Good Hope from Calcutta to this port, bringing a cargo valued at \$1,000,000, including tons of jute, is one which will never be forgotten by those who made it.

## But the Wreck of a Boat

When she came racing up the harbor yesterday afternoon, with her captain dead in his cabin, her lifeboats missing and smashed, her steering gear and engines in jury rigs, and her foremast broken in water, the wreck of three feet a day, she was truly but the wreck of a boat.

She sailed from Calcutta Dec. 21, in the eastern seas she met bad weather, but at its worst it couldn't compare with the brand she struck 500 miles east of this coast last week. She doubled the Cape of Good Hope and came up the western coast of Africa without any serious mishap.

Starting across the Atlantic she met with gale after gale, and storm after storm. Although not a new boat by any means, she stood the strain pretty well.

Then, last Saturday, her officers and men were torn by the continuous stormy weather, she met the worst storm of all. The wind became a hurricane, pushing the sea into a series of mountains and deep gullies. Battered right and left, under the skillful hands of Capt. Pickthorn the tramp pushed slowly on.

Suddenly there was a shock. It felt as if a waterspout had clutched one side of the vessel. She went over until it seemed that the tips of her lifeboats would kiss the sea. Clinging on for dear life, her men could hear the splintering of timber, and feel a torrent of water rushing over her, bridge and all, a torrent which seemed to be doing its utmost to tear them from the boat and sweep them into the ocean.

## Drive Lascars to Hullers

The ship righted herself. Another gigantic wave followed. Shouting curses, prayers and exhortations in their native tongue, the Lascar fire room crew fled from the stoke hole to the deck.

The torrent of sea water had extin-

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## CONGRESSMAN ROGERS

He Made Vigorous Speech Against  
McLemore Resolution Uphold-  
ing President Wilson

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Just before the vote on tabling the McLemore resolution was taken yesterday afternoon at six o'clock, Representative Rogers said:

"There is a sharp division of opinion in this house. Of course we all recognize that; but there is no division of opinion upon one point. We are all agreed that peace must be maintained, if peace can be maintained with honor. The gentleman who has just spoken dealt very eloquently with the horrors of war. There is no dissent from the proposition that war is horrible. There is no occasion for question as to what course should be pursued by this house in order to avoid war and to avoid it honorably."

"I maintain, Mr. Speaker, that the

For Rough, Wrinkled,  
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As March winds, flying dust and dirt are apt to injure any complexion, this information will be of special value right now. If you have any cutaneous blemish, don't use paint, powder or anything else to cover it up. Too often this only emphasizes the defect. Besides, it's much easier to remove the disfigurement with ordinary mercurized wax. Applied nightly, the wax will gradually remove freckles, pimples, moth patches, sallowness, red or yellow blotches or any surface eruption. The affected cuticle is absorbed, a little each day, until the clear, soft, youthful and beautiful skin beneath is brought wholly to view. Ask the druggist for one ounce of mercurized wax and use this like you use cold cream. Remove in morning with soap and water. Many who have tried this simple, harmless treatment report astonishing results.

If bothered with wrinkles or furrows, a wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered sassafras in 1 pint with hazel will prove wonderfully effective.

leaders of this house. I quote briefly from the article:

"It is not without risk—"

"Speaking of the armed merchant-

man issue—"

"It is not without risk, but the risk, perhaps, is smaller since the American congress shows signs of demanding that the decision in international affairs be taken from the president's hands and placed in those of congress."

"The question of whether we are going to uphold the hands of the president in his diplomatic negotiations with Germany thereupon became the McLemore resolution, and the vote upon that resolution today is a square vote of upholding or a square vote of not upholding, as the case may be."

—RICHARDS.

### BODIES GOING TO SPAIN

Those of 31 Spanish Sailors to Be Shipped From Portsmouth, N. H. March 20

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Mar. 9.—William P. Miskell, who has the contract for exhuming the 31 Spanish sailors, who died while in captivity at Camp Long, during the Spanish-American war, examined one of the graves to-

day. As there is 20 inches of frost in the ground, disintering the bodies will be deferred for a week or more.

The bodies must be ready for shipment to New York on or before March 20. They will be encased in hermetically sealed wooden boxes, about three feet in length. They are to be taken home by a Spanish transport.

### ADOPT NEW WAGE SCALE

TWO YEAR AGREEMENT WILL INCREASE SOFT COAL MINERS' EARNINGS BY \$15,000,000

NEW YORK, March 9.—After a warm debate, lasting nearly six hours, the interstate joint conference of miners and operators from the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, representing nearly 200,000 mine workers, yesterday adopted the new wage contract agreed upon by the sub-committee of employers and employees.

The agreement will increase the income of the mine workers in those states about \$15,000,000 during the

two-year period the contract is to run, and will have an influence on the wage conferences to be held in the bituminous fields of central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Wyoming, Montana and Washington, as the agreements in those states are based largely on the action taken in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

The policy committee of the United Mine Workers will meet in Pittsburgh March 16, to decide on the method of ratification by the full membership of bituminous mine workers.

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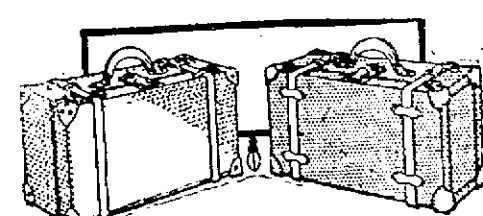
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## PRESIDENT WILSON TRIUMPHS

By a vote of 5 to 1 in the senate and 2 to 1 in the house congress comes to the aid of President Wilson in his controversy with the central powers of Europe and went on record as being opposed to anything that would divide America on sectional or party lines when the honor of the nation is at stake. The result is a blow to trouble makers at home and to enemies abroad who must now acknowledge that when the head of this nation demands the observance of international law and the law of humanity, he speaks truly for the American people. President Wilson threw down the gauntlet to history and his is the triumph. Yet, not his alone shall be the glory, but America's.

It was generally thought and said that the vote in congress was not really on the McLeane resolution. It was on the support or rejection of President Wilson's policy, and it would have been still better if the vote had been unanimous. Yet, it was adequate for all practical purposes, and the president with his cabinet may now handle the critical matters of the present international situation without fear of interference by the great legislative body which has been proved thoroughly patriotic.

A review of the figures is interesting in view of the claims of those who hoped to make patriotic capital out of the president's dilemma. In spite of the disloyal tampering of Bryan, the democrats stood with their chief 152 to 35, many of those who voted against the resolution of warning being counted as opposed to President Wilson. Whatever their private convictions were, they knew only one duty and one allegiance when it became a question of choosing between Washington and Berlin. Incidentally the democrats dashed to the ground the covert hopes of some who saw in the controversy a chance to advance the claims of other aspirants for the 1916 democratic nomination.

The republicans did not come up to the standard of patriotism as did the democrats, for which they are blamed by the republican press generally. Under the lead of Mann the republicans voted against President Wilson 102 to 93, and of this they have little reason to be proud. Germany cannot now take advantage of a divided congress, but if the democrats had done as the republicans did, the outcome would have aroused wild jubilation in Germany. Should Germany still persist in its lawlessness on the high seas, neither Leader Mann nor the majority of his party can take as strong a moral stand for right as though they had lined up with President Wilson.

If President Wilson had been in favor of war with Germany, he could have precipitated it almost at any time since the sinking of the Lusitania, and congress was not sincere in its alleged fear of his policy. He would undoubtedly be supported by the country at this time as he has been supported by congress and he may continue to deal prudently and courageously with Germany and all other belligerents, feeling assured that his stand for principle and for the honor of America will be approved by the American people. America does not approve of war, but it knows that President Wilson will not approve of war unless circumstances so change that our acquiescence in crime would brand us for all time as a nation that has given up its stand for democracy and nationhood.

## SEASON OF LENT

While the observance of Lent is not nearly so general or so rigorous as in the earlier times, it has come to be regarded as a reality not only in the church but in business and social life. Stores and markets arrange their wares in accordance with its ideals, places of amusement modify their programs and everywhere is a spirit of sober repression. Lent is an accepted fact and its purpose is so generally known as to need no explanation, even among those who are not swayed by its spiritual significance.

At first, away back in the early days of Christianity, Lent was a season of penance and sorrowful solemnity. From the penitence of Ash Wednesday to the glorious jubilation of Easter it commemorated that period in the life of "Christ between the entry into Jerusalem; until the resurrection on the third day after His crucifixion. Gradually its appeal became more broad and it was regarded as a time of meditation, withdrawal from the frivolity of life and sober preparation for the future. Just as the physical being requires a yearly vacation from the exertions of labor and daily exertion, so the mind and heart require a period of reflection and quiet. Even the most ardent apostles of social activity regard Lent as a salutary period of rest for the nerves and the brain, and the modern world accepts it as one of the wise dispensations of an earlier day.

There is excellent reason this year for the sober reflections of Lent, not only in this country of feverish exertion, but throughout the world. A horrible war has tried the souls of men in the crucible of suffering and has burnt away the materialism that

would have destroyed humanity and its spirituality. Nations that were noted for gaiety have suddenly grown grave and noble and the world is more calculated to think sober thoughts than at any time for the past century. If only the time of passion and pain could be brought to a close by a time of resurrection and justice, how glorious would dawn the Easter sun on lands scarred by war and hate! The world has been frivolous and heedless, and Lent comes with more significance than ever before.

## DUMMER STREET

Now that the court has upheld the seizure of Dummer street by the last city administration, the present government cannot do otherwise than to carry out the original intention by razing the buildings on the seized properties and running the street through to Merrimack street. That it will be an improvement has not been doubted, but it will be a costly improvement and it does not appear that Lowell will gain much by the necessary expenditure. If we had attended to the more necessary things that cry for immediate action and were in a position to beautify the city by laying out some hundreds of thousands of dollars, the Dummer street improvement would seem desirable, but at present the spending of \$70,000 or \$100,000 perhaps, or even more, for civic beauty seems like a waste of money. The municipal council has been forced to turn down the proposal to purchase the Kirk Street church, owing to shortage of funds, and it is questionable if the extension of Dummer street will prove a greater benefit than the extension of our new high school to include the church property. There are many other problems that Lowell might attend to, along the lines of civic beauty but when we need a new high school, a new bridge, a new hospital, a public hall and many other large improvements, the extension of Dummer street does not seem to warrant the proposed expenditure. What is done may not be undone, and it is for the present city government to extend Dummer street as economically as possible, consistent with the ideal of those who originated the movement.

## BELGIAN RELIEF

Of all the small nationalities that have suffered in this terrible war, Belgium has seemed to touch the heart of America most, and accordingly the response to the call for Belgian relief has been most generous. The manager of the New England Belgian Relief association testified to this in Lowell Tuesday afternoon and drew a picture of conditions in the once thriving nation that showed how brutal and merciless was the fate that she suffered. He said that at present the United States sends \$10,000,000 worth of supplies to Belgium every month, and yet this means only about \$3 per month for those in need. Germany, having crushed the brave little nation, did not make any provision for its material wants, and if the United States and other neutral countries had not assisted her, a whole people would have died of cold, starvation and disease. When the story of Poland, Serbia, Armenia and other stricken peoples is added to the story of Belgium it will be seen that if the war has brought prosperity to America it has also touched the American heart and drawn prompt and generous aid from a people that the old world has thought callous and money-loving. America may not deal in sentiment and emotionalism to the extent of other nations, but it gives practical aid when the call comes from any part of a stricken world. This is fitting since America has drawn from all peoples and is a mother for the exiles of all nations.

## THE AUTO SHOW

Human science and invention never stand still but one who looks at the modern automobile, whether it be a car for pleasure uses or for business may well wonder what further improvements can be made. In no other invention of modern times has the growth been more phenomenal, and today the auto is one of the very vital necessities. Only a few years ago the owner of an auto was regarded with envy, but now an automobile is almost as necessary to the average man as a suit of clothes. There are cars for all purposes and for all purposes, from the little ones that ramble right along to the great palatial and luxurious vehicles that have all the comforts of home, and from the limousine to the motor truck that does away with team horses and that has modernized business. As the auto has grown in use and importance it has grown in efficiency and the modern driver needs

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not of a necessity be a mechanic; to enjoy the pleasure of riding along in luxurious ease unknown to the Roman emperors. The appeal of the auto show is universal and those who attend include the owners of cars, satisfied and otherwise, and the less fortunate mortals who live in hopes of joining the fraternity of car owners some time in the immediate or distant future.

## FOOTBALL STARS

By dropping from the list of students three prominent athletes who had made a reputation in football, Harvard has proved that her first requirement still is scholarship and has answered those who fear that American universities are fast becoming developing stations for brawn at the expense of brain. The decision of the administrative board will evoke a wide protest among lovers of college sport, but there is a great deal to justify the action. Athletic contests between the colleges and universities receive more general public attention than any other college activities, and the smaller schools frequently make special concessions to athletes in order to maintain a prestige in amateur athletics. While it is well that the best traditions of sport be maintained, it is not good for the students of the great schools to feel that so long as a man can kick a ball well he is sure of a collegiate degree. If Harvard keeps her collegiate standard up to a high point and gains athletic honors while doing so, all the greater shall be her future success. Harvard has made a splendid reputation in football and other sports, but its main business is to train men for more serious things.

## THRILLERS AND MOVIES

A thriller at the Twentieth Century club in Boston a few days ago declared that the movies have almost entirely put the dime novel into disrepute, and he noted it as an improvement. He said, however, that the spirit of the cheaper books has crept into the best sellers, but on the whole praised the movies as a better influence on the mind of the young than the lurid tales of an older generation. While this may be true, the movies have gripped a larger proportion of boys than the dime novels and if the pictures do now what the books used to do when father was a boy, it is up to society to improve the improvement. The situation is very hopeful as the picture producers have gradually dropped the sensational and dangerous and are now showing pictures that are calculated to educate while amusing.

## AMUSEMENT NOTES

### R. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

Don't omit a visit to the R. F. Keith theatre this week, for there is on parade the biggest spectacle of the present season in "Neptune's Garden," brought up to the minute, and with Mildred Macomber, the dainty interpretive dancer specially featured. The old "Neptune's Garden" must be mentioned it, but the present production goes far beyond the present novelty. Miss Macomber is unquestionably one of the very best dancers this old town has ever seen. She suggests rather than actually dances many things, although her Grecian number, done in filmy, floating draperies is as dainty and pretty as one could well wish to see. Then, too, she has a "Dance of the Nations," in which she touches upon the dance steps of different peoples. And this is also one of the best things in her work. The pretty Swiss sisters also assist materially in the terrific chorography. Of course the enchanted pool always plays a big part in the production. It is a mammoth tank, about which are placed many statues. One by one they become animated and drop off into the swirling water. It is an extraordinary sight, and one which will be readily forgotten. Another prime feature of the bill, "Cuter is the only man in vaudeville who pretends to give a billiard exhibition, and his is far more than mere pretense. Some of the famous shots used by Schaefer De Oro, Ives and by Cutler himself are demonstrated. He has a steady nerve and an unerring eye, and his work is appreciated. Studier, Stein & Phillips, singers, offer as pretty an act as one could wish to see, and Robert

## Careless Use of Soap Spoils the Hair

Soap should be used very carefully. If you want to keep your hair looking its best. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is just ordinary unsifted coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use. One or two teaspoonfuls will cleanse the hair and scalp thoroughly. Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses off easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excessive oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage. You can get unsifted coconut oil at any pharmacy. It's very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months.

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Henry Hodge & Co., in "Bill Blithere," "lawyer" have something which holds the very essence of comedy to it. Grace Leonard and Tom Dempsey in a little bit of everything are splendid entertainers, and Strauss & Becker, novelty instrumentalists, open the bill well. Rita Sylvia, soprano, gives a brace of numbers. The Selig-Tribune many new motion picture plays taken in different parts of the world. Good seats may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 28.

## OPERA HOUSE

Laugh and the world laughs with you, ween and you have a mighty difficult task on your hands this week if you attend the Opera House. For he it knows that there's on tap at this popular theatre this week one of the most popular plays ever staged, "Nearly Married." And another pleasing feature connected with the performance is that it seems as if all Lowell was going to get in on the wonderful joy feast, for about everyone in town has either seen the piece or has ordered tickets for one of the remaining performances. There's an abundance of funny lines in "Nearly Married." There's a heap of amusing situations, while the story told is absolutely one of the funniest ever constructed for the stage. And O'Day, Horner, and all the other favorites are all seen in the best roles they have had since their coming to Lowell. The man and wife who have been married, but who at the time the play opens have just been divorced, are screamingly funny. The situation is funny, this to start with, and from that they get into all sorts of trouble. Jos. Crehan, Gilberta Faust, Walter von Bockman, Richard Barry, and all the other favorites are all there too, and they contribute their respective talent towards the unravelling of the plot which at the time the final curtain falls, is to the entire satisfaction of everyone.

Capacity audiences are the rule, or rather have been since the first performance, even last night when a raging blizzard raging outside, an attendance which crowded the theatre from pit to dome laughed itself into almost hysterics, and went away feeling that they were amply repaid by seeing "Nearly Married." That's how good their wonderful play is. Next week they have ready on it—get busy—call 26 and order seats.

The coming week the sweetest story ever told, "Along Came Ruth," is announced by the manager, Mr. J. H. Emerson. It is the same great play which ran for three months at the Plymouth theatre in Boston to crowded houses and scores of hits on Broadway at \$2 prices. It will be presented on an elaborate scale with the full strength of the company and wise ones will order their seats now. Phone 261. Box office open from 5 a. m. to 10.

## MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Mary Pickford, more attractive and charming than ever, is the mighty and magnetic attraction at the Merrimack Square theatre at all the continuing performances today, Friday and Saturday. This fascinating star who has been accorded by her countless admirers the title of "the darling of them all" will be seen in her latest feature-screen triumph, "Poor Little Peppina." Peppina herself is impersonated by Little Mary.

If there have ever been and doubts as to the versatility of Mary Pickford, they will be dispelled by her wonderful performance in that company's splendid production of "Katie Jordan." Following upon her last "Madame Butterfly," in which she so perfectly characterizes the little Japanese girl, Miss Pickford in this production, creates a character new to her admirers—an American girl who has been stolen by a villain when a mere baby and brought up as one of their own children. Her native tongue and all thought of her real parentage totally obliterated, she is to all intents and purposes a real Italian girl. But there lingers about her an indefinable something that leaps into her when she is finally reunited with her parents by a simple little prayer that forms the only heritage of her childhood.

She has been injured while attempting to save the life of the man with whom she has fallen in love and as she loses in her delirium, she mutters the little prayer. Her mother bends her to the floor and kisses her.

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over her in sympathy for the supposed messenger boy—for Peppina has been earning her living as a boy—catches the feeble words and starts an investigation which soon reveals the true identity of the girl.

Peppina is a difficult role because it requires the most careful treatment in order to preserve the idea of the real American parentage of the girl whose correct name is Lola. Though it must be perfectly feasible for Peppina to pass herself off as an Italian, still she must not make her transportation to Americanism too sudden when her identity is established.

"Across the Rio Grande" is another big number on the program at the Merrimack Square theatre for the next three days. It is a gripping western play of the clean, unexaggerated kind and thoroughly enjoyable. "Throwing the Bull" is the title of the Charlie Chaplin cartoon comedy for the last three days of this week. Other pictures will also be shown on these days.

## OWI THEATRE

"Destruction," the greatest Fox feature film ever produced, will again be the attraction at the OWI theatre this afternoon and evening. Appearing in the lead in this sensational photoplay is the famous vampire woman, Theda Bara. Many other excellent attractions will also be shown at the OWI today.

## COLONIAL THEATRE

"The Strange Case of Mary Page" is a series of photoplays in 15 episodes. It is a complete story featuring Edna May and Henry Walthall, two of the most celebrated artists in film drama. These stories are not the kind of hits that are first class, but a beautiful actress is accused of murder. You will not lose the enjoyment of this series if you miss one episode. You will want to see the rest. This serial cost the Essanay Co. \$500,000 before the film was shown on the screen and show pictures the on the program.

## WASHBURN IS PRESIDENT

### HEADS MASS. REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE—HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE WORKER

BOSTON, March 9.—The first meeting of the newly elected board of directors of the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange, held at the Hotel Lenox last evening, will long be remembered by those present. It was the occasion when Mrs. John J. Washburn, who for the past six years presided over the destinies of the exchange, retired from office to make way for George F. Washburn, who has long worked hard to make the exchange known to every business man in the commonwealth.

Mr. Washburn is one of Boston's premier business men. He is a resident of Brookline, but for many years lived in Dedham. Frederick Ayer, Vice President. He is a member of several fraternal bodies, and with Col. Roosevelt is one of the trustees of the American Institute at Washington. He has been chairman of the legislative committee of the exchange for a number of years, and was one of the three men who drafted the important bill for the development of the port of Boston, calling for an appropriation of \$5,000,000. He has represented the exchange before the legislature on divers occasions, being considered one of the best experts on realty matters in the commonwealth.

Mr. Washburn is also a charter member of the Economic club of Boston, chairman of the National Council society of Colonial Families, a 22nd degree Mason, and was formerly captain of Camp 26, Sons of Veterans, Chelsea.

In taking the chair, Pres. Washburn announced the policy of the new administration to be one of purpose and action; that it would endeavor to carry out the demands of the exchange for a non-partisan tariff commission, an American merchant marine, more and better transportation in New England, a free trade for Boston, fair play for Massachusetts industry, exploitation and development of our farming industries, rational taxation, biennial elections and legislative sessions and a reduction in the cost of government.

Resident naming Mr. Washburn president, the board of directors elected the following vice presidents: Ex-Gov. Q. A. Brackett, ex-Gov. Edmund S. Ross, Hon. John Jay Hammond, Hon. Augustus Belmont, Hon. William B. Lawrence, Frederick Ayer, Col. Everett C. Benton, Edmund D. Codman, Frederick H. Prince and William M. Wood.

## SHAKES FIST AT LEWIS

ASS'T. ATTY. GEN. BRANCH RESENTS INSINUATION IN MOHR TRIAL AFTERMATH

PROVIDENCE, Mar. 9.—Assistant Attorney General Claude B. Branch yesterday shook his fist in the face of William H. Lewis of Boston, the lawyer who defended the negroes, Brown and Spellman, in the Mohr trial, and demanded an apology for an alleged insinuation that certain underlings in the advocacy of Mrs. Gertrude May Bailey, half sister of Colonel, were marked after the affidavit was made. The court was of the opinion that the insinuation as shown yesterday was in its original form.

The occurrence happened in the course of a hearing on the perjury charges against Mrs. Bailey and Spellman's wife. The government maintains

that they committed perjury. Lewis said that there was no perjury, but merely a contradiction in the statements of the women. Their bail was reduced to \$500 each, this figure to become effective Saturday, when Lewis will ask a new trial for Brown and Spellman.

## GERMAN FLEET

### 50 Warships Seen in North Sea—Return to Port After Quick Run

LONDON, Mar. 9.—A German fleet consisting of at least 50 big warships, followed by a large gray-painted armed trawler, two big Zeppelins and numerous submarines, was sighted Monday afternoon in the North Sea off Terschelling Island, North Holland, according to the report of a steam trawler which has arrived at Yarmouth, says Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent. The fleet was proceeding westward. The correspondent adds that Monday morning five large cruisers of unknown nationality passed Ymuiden at full speed.

## DASH FOR ENGLISH WATERS

LONDON, March 9.—The morning newspapers publish from their correspondents in Holland such details as are available there regarding the recent activity of the German fleet in the North sea. According to these accounts the fleet included about 50 craft, and descriptions from the modern dreadnaughts down to old fashioned torpedo boats. The fleet was escorted by two Zeppelins, which served as scouts to prevent a surprise attack by hostile vessels. One trawler sighted this fleet 165 miles due west of the mouth of the Elbe.

Another report it 35 miles northwest of Ymuiden. All the German ships were painted a war gray and were invisible beyond a short distance. Heavy clouds of smoke frequently hid them completely.

One Dutch trawler is quoted as having made the following report: "During the recent raid on England and Zeppelins was seen scouting in advance of three cruisers and a fleet of destroyers and submarines, which were believed to have the intention of making a dash for the English waters. The Zeppelins, however, made certain discoveries regarding the watchfulness of the British fleet and the German squadron hastily withdrew."

## VEIL OVER SHETLAND ISLES

All Ships Except Allies, or Those Deemed, Are Forbidden to Approach Lair of British Grand Fleet

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—British Admiralty orders, announced yesterday by department dispatches to state, exclude all vessels except those calling for examination or belonging to the allied powers from entering any port or harbor, or anchoring off any part of the Shetland Islands until further notice.

## EXPLOSIVES PLACED ALONG TRADE ROUTE

To Holland, From Thames Mouth to Gallipoli Light

LONDON, Mar. 9.—The blockade of England by mines, reported as threatened by Germany, is already in execution along the trade route to Holland, according to naval circles here. German submarines are reported to have been busy recently laying anchored mines between the mouth of the Thames and the Gallipoli lightship. It is in this neighborhood that many disasters have occurred during the last month.

Passenger ships until recently have been quite successful in dodging floating mines by making their voyages in daylight, but no method is known of guarding against submerged anchored mines.

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## PENSIONS TO JUDGES

### CHIEF JUSTICE AIKEN OPPOSES CHANGE IN PLAN—VARIOUS BILLS GIVEN HEARING

BOSTON, March 9.—Chief Justice Aiken of the superior court appeared before the committee on social welfare yesterday afternoon in opposition to any legislation to change the system of pensioning court justices. The committee is hearing various bills providing that pensions shall be on a contributory basis. At the present time justices of the Massachusetts courts may retire when they reach the age of 60 years and receive a pension equivalent to three-fourths of their salaries. He said, however, that if any change is made he does not wish to have the judges placed in any special class.

Judge Aiken said that pensions paid to judges by the state to date amount to only about \$32,000. "It is true that if the present system continues the annual cost may average a total of about \$3000 a year," he said, "but you must remember that judges taking office on the superior court bench have sacrificed a more lucrative calling before the bar and that they have accepted the honorable office with the assurance that the commonwealth would keep to its pledge and see to it that they would not be forced to retire old."

"If you do anything with regard to the changing of the present system I hope that you will not go farther than to apply the proposed change to the judges to take their places in the future on the bench, and not to the present members of the tribunal."

"It is true that we have only the pledge of the state that we are going to receive this pension and that the legislature has the power to say that they made a poor bargain when they offered that pension to judges, but we especially object to the superior court bench having sacrificed a more lucrative calling before the bar and that they have accepted the honorable office with the assurance that the commonwealth would keep to its pledge and see to it that they would not be forced to retire old."

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# 1916 BASEBALL SEASON

## Billy Hamilton Talks of Outlook for Lowell Club — Expects to Get Control This Week

The outlook for baseball in this city for the coming season is exceedingly bright, and the Lowell fans are rejoicing over the fact that Billy Hamilton, one of the fastest men who ever appeared in the major league, is to take over the controlling interest in the local team.

Hamilton, when with the big show, was a terror on the bases. He set up a league record one year, and ever after that, while always being watched and "hated to the base" by the opposing pitchers, his base stealing average was near the top notch. He was also a good batter, and as a fielder he had anything on him.

After retiring from the big tent he took charge of minor league teams and in all his ventures he was very successful. As a leader he showed remarkable ability, and during his addition with the Haverhill team he won a pennant and captured two "seconds". In all his other endeavors he was in the honor circle, and hence the local fans have good reason to be elated over the fact that he is coming to Lowell.

If ever a manager had the right idea, that man is Hamilton. He knows just what the patrons of the game want, and he always strives to meet their desires. He says that he will always remember that fact, and that it would be an outrage to take the team from the Spindle city.

"I realize," said Mr. Hamilton, "that this city does not want a team that is trailing along in the second division, and if I come here I'll always remember that fact. If the men I have do not play first division ball, I know where I can get some who will. I intend to give each and every player a chance, but I will not tolerate any loafing or indifferent playing. My experience in the past has provided me with sufficient courage to tie the 'can' on to any man, regardless of his pleasing personality, if he is not producing the goods on the diamond."

"What do you think of the new ten-cent circuit?" asked the writer.

"Well," replied Mr. Hamilton, "it certainly does look good to me. While personally I would prefer an eight-cent circuit, I do not think that the two extra teams will make much difference. All cities included in the new league are good baseball towns, and if they are given any kind of fair ball I am sure they will rally to the support of the clubs."

### Haverhill Great Town

In speaking of good baseball cities, Hamilton said that the best city he ever played in was Haverhill. "While I know that Lowell fans are loyal, and I do not want to detract from their ability in that line," said the baseball man, "never in all my experience have I seen fans turn out to support a loser as they did in Haverhill. Why one year, out of the first sixteen games, I won but three, yet there was a good gate during the entire time. The team finally got going and of course drew well, but the fact that the bleachers and grand stand were pretty well filled during the time we were meeting daily reverses, convinced me that Haverhill was the best city that I ever struck."

### New Ball Grounds

"The idea of having a new ball grounds in Lowell also appeals to me," continued Hamilton, "for while Spaulding park is a good place to play, too much time is lost in going and coming from the grounds, and then on a day when you have an unusually large crowd transportation facilities are liable to be inadequate. With the new yard nearer the city, many people will walk, and this fact tends to increase the attendance and that is what we need to make a paying proposition."

Mr. Hamilton said that he found Mr. Roach ready to release his holdings immediately and that now he will get in touch with Jim Smith of New Bedford, who controlled the Manchester franchise last year, and who, according to the merger agreement, became part owner of the Lowell club. Smith still holds all players who were reserved by Manchester, and these automatically become the property of the Lowell team. From the cream of both teams, one good team should be picked, and with a "pick" of Hamilton's ability, it is probable that a club capable of travelling at a fast pace will be selected.

Mr. Hamilton does not expect to experience any difficulty with the New Bedford man, and plans to interview him today or tomorrow. After this conference he will arrive at his decision and will again come to Lowell Saturday or Monday to settle final details.

### LADIES' BOWLING LEAGUE

The Otobees are still leading the Crescent Ladies' Bowling league by a comfortable margin, while the Silesta Girls and Fairmounts are having a close fight for second position. The American quietest is in last place with only five strings won out of 28 rolled. Miss McManey of North Chelmsford, who rolls with the Silesta Girls, has a good hold on first place in the individual list, with the excellent mark of

55.9. Mrs. Kelman, who won the championship of the city last year, is in second place with an average of 52.6, and Miss Peabody is a close third with 51.5.

The league standing and individual averages above 70 are as follows:

Won	Lost	Pinfall
Otobees	23	7369
Silesta	19	7830
Fairmounts	17	11342
Salem A.C.	11	7709
Woodbine	11	7122
American	5	7040

Individual averages: Miss McManey 55.9, Mrs. Kelman 52.6, Miss Peabody 51.5, Miss Beauregard 78.3, Miss King 77.19, Mrs. Wentworth 76.9, Mrs. Hollington 75.0, Mrs. Mollough 75.7, Miss Wiggin 73.8, Miss Bentley 73.5, Mrs. Angier 73.0, Miss Eastham 75.0, Mrs. Moore 71.1, Miss Harrett 74.3, Mrs. Paquin 74.0, Miss Jackson 73.8, Miss Poirer 73.0, Mrs. Chase 72.1, Miss Kelley 71.1, Mrs. McDermott 71.1, Miss L. O'Connell 70.1, Miss M. O'Connell 70.9, Miss Connor 70.6, Miss G. Sheehan 70.3, Miss Sullivan 69.16, Miss Alice Carter 68.6, Mrs. Farrell 68.6, Mrs. Harrie 68.0, Miss A. Sheehan 67.9, Miss Purdie 66.2, Miss Coleman 66.0, Miss Mahon 66.0, Miss Anne Carter 65.2, Miss Barry 64.1, Miss Ready 62.7, Miss Conner 59.2, Miss Shay 56.4, Miss Downs 56.0.

High team total, Otobees, 1201.  
High team single, Otobees, 430.  
High three strings, Miss McManey, 274.  
High single string, Mrs. Kelman, 103.

### HILLSIDES WON

The Hillside and the Tanners clashed on the Middlesex alleys Tuesday night and the former team captured three of the four points. Sharkey was the honor man of the evening with a high three string total of 201. Rennie Williston of the losers was expected to give a fine exhibition but he was somewhat off form and only 242 of the white sticks topped in response to his offerings during the match. O'Hare of the Tanners rolled 118 for the high single. The scores:

Hillside	2	3	Totals
Welch	57	53	251
Davis	57	107	264
Lawn	79	73	252
Sharkey	104	93	301
Eastham	98	95	293
Totals	405	450	1310

Tanners	2	3	Totals
Williston	75	81	242
Hessian	91	89	272
O'Hare	118	81	293
J. Buckley	79	85	262
T. Buckley	81	72	246
Totals	447	414	1295

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LEAGUE**  
Two highly interesting games in the Sunday School bowling league were rolled last night on the M.C.A. alleys. The Agogas were pitted against the Tuckechees in a very close battle and the Progressives bowled against the Up-Streamers. The scores and league standing of the teams follows:

Agogas	2	3	Totals
Angus	87	78	276
Gillis	59	78	257
J. Gillis	59	77	257
Graham	115	90	305
Stark	108	84	311
Totals	429	403	1305

Tuckechees	2	3	Totals
Colburn	95	55	262
Wilson	84	82	268
Signor	83	81	264
Hoot	83	81	264
Colburn	81	81	264
Totals	432	410	1278

Progressives	2	3	Totals
Harrison	58	79	241
McGregor	58	77	234
Salles	68	89	273
Smith	59	92	263
Sub	78	77	229
Totals	409	410	1200

Up-Streamers	2	3	Totals
Hickles	58	74	235
Dow	58	86	257
Lachance	78	95	263
Pomfret	59	91	266
Sub	76	77	227
Totals	418	423	1244

League Standing	Games	Points
Agogas	3	11
Progressives	3	9
Up-Streamers	3	6
Progressives	3	3

### CITY LEAGUE GAMES

#### FOUR GAMES ROLLED LAST NIGHT

—FLANDERS HAS TOTAL OF 345—

#### THE SCORES

Four games were rolled in the City league last night on local lanes, but only the Bridge Street and Kimball System quintets were able to peg over 1500 for a total. The rolling of the other aggregations was very close. In the match between the Bridge Streets and Kimball System, Paul Flanders, the former high school grid-iron star, came through with three strings of 121, 122 and 119 for a total of 360.

The White Ways took three points from Kittredges by the narrowest of margins, the third string going to the Middlesex street experts by one pin. Kempton rolled 316 for a three-string mark.

The Crescents and Carr's teams rolled a close game on the Crescent alleys, each team getting two of the points. The Crescents dropped the first two strings, but took the third by a wide margin and the total. In this match none of the participants reached the 300 mark.

The Jewels took three points from the Brunswicks, the totals standing 1489 to 1445. Pierce rolled the high single, 118, and Whipple polled the best total, 326. The scores:

Kittredges	2	3	Totals
Sharpe	89	96	104
Hindle	93	97	110
Ward	104	81	109
Singleton	88	111	109
Dooley	90	94	102
Totals	473	492	1487

White Ways	2	3	Totals
Cole	92	99	114
Bernardini	98	98	114
Ward	92	98	114
Hall	92	98	114
Kempton	107	105	104
Totals	456	481	1458

Carr's	2	3	Totals
Barrows	103	94	129
Callahan	94	86	129
McDermott	94	86	129
O'Brien	114	95	129
Wynne	89	91	129
Totals	465	473	1375

Crescents	2	3	Totals
Jewett	83	90	105
Conannon	79	94	105
Johnson	102	80	110
Labrun	100	91	105
Kelley	80	89	110
Totals	431	453	1285

Jewels	2	3	Totals
Farrell	105	99	129
Edwards	55	101	98
Bradbury	107	87	91
Whipple	113	116	98
Jodoin	108	92	101
Totals	516	494	1489

Brunswicks	2	3	Totals
Perrin	103	104	53
Perry	94	94	99
Pierce	100	118	94
Whalen	101	100	99
Totals	498	507	1445

Bridge Street	2	3	Totals
Houston	95	111	105
Brigham	103	102	86
Panton	93	123	106
Sweeney	89	96	93
Devlin	110	80	118
Totals	490	515	1503

Kimball System	2	3	Totals
Flanders	121	122	119
Kimball	121	87	76
Brennan	86	100	93
Rivard	103	95	85
Martel	107	85	124
Totals	548	489	1535

### WITH THE PADDED MITTS

Tomorrow night's show at the regular meeting of the Triangle Athletic association will bring together Dick Stosh of Cleveland and Walter Butler of Beaumont in the main event, and there will be several high class preliminaries. Coupons saved from last Friday night's entertainment will be good for admission tomorrow night.

Stosh and Butler are very evenly matched and both are expected to furnish some very classy mulling. Both boys are in the prime of their condition and when they come together a hot battle can be looked for. Stosh has been meeting the best boys of his weight in the country with much success of late and the same can be said of Butler. Patsy Sweeney will be third man in the ring.

Johnny Hobson of New York and Belgian Brown will do battle at Lawrence tonight in the twelve round maul. Hobson is rated highly and ought to cause Brown a very unpleasant night.

Al Shubert and Eddie Campi will hurl gloves in each other's direction Friday night at the Business Men's A. C. at Boston. The weight will be 120 pounds, ringside and a fast animated scrap is anticipated.

Frankie Mack and Freddie Yelle, two of the most promising lightweight in New England, will try to determine who is the logical lightweight champion of New England next Tuesday at the Armory A. A. of Boston. Both boys are well known throughout the boxing world and a record gathering is looked for.

Gardner Brooks will in all probability box at the local club on March 17.

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with Mickey Brown of Malden as an opponent. Brooks is once more in good shape and is willing to meet any 116 pounder in the world.

At New York last night Benny Leonard outboxed Johnny Dundee in a 10-round bout, thus becoming eligible for a match with Freddie Welsh for the lightweight championship. Dundee took the honors in the first and third rounds, but after that Leonard had it virtually his own way.

In the eighth round he sent a right hook to Dundee's jaw and scored a knockdown. Dundee was on his feet again in a moment, however. Leonard weighed 131 1-2 pounds and Dundee 129.

### SPORTING NEWS

The third game in the city championship series between White Ways and Crescents will be rolled tonight.

The first game in the 30-string series for the championship of the city scheduled to have been rolled last night at the Crescent alleys between Mrs. Kelman and Miss McManey, was called off, owing to the weather. The game has been put off until next Wednesday night.

### EDDIE MAHAN SIGNED

BERKELEY, Calif., March 9.—Announcement was made today that Eddie Mahan, former captain and full back of the Harvard football team, had accepted the position of assistant coach of the University of California football squad and would report for duty next August.

### TRACK MEET SATURDAY

St. John's Prep. track squad, of Danvers, will be the opposing force to be tackled by the local school track athletes at the Paige street annex on Saturday night. Instead of Brookline high, the latter engagement having been cancelled between Brookline officials and the local management by mutual agreement.

The Brookline team has suffered considerably owing to the loss of several of its star men who were declared ineligible to compete in school athletics because of scholastic difficulties. Brookline was willing to come to Lowell and wanted to limit the meet to six events which would eliminate the mile run and hurdles. This arrangement did not appeal to the local management as it is the last meet of the season and negotiations were declared off.

St. John's will furnish a far better brand of track goods than would have been shown by Brookline as the former school compares favorably with

### MESSENGER BOY KILLED

Gordon Payne, of Jamaica Plain, Struck By Train at Roxbury Crossing Station—Body Halted 75 Feet

BOSTON, Mar. 9.—Gordon Payne, 13, a Western Union messenger boy, living with his parents at 99 Brookside ave., Jamaica Plain, was struck and instantly killed by an inward-bound Stoughton express of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad at the Roxbury crossing station yesterday morning.

He was thrown about 75 feet, and when picked up was lying unconscious near the steps leading into Station st. He was picked up by railroad employees and taken into the baggage room, and later rushed to the City hospital, where the physicians pronounced him dead. The body was taken to the morgue, and Medical Examiner Leary notified.

The train was stopped after the accident.

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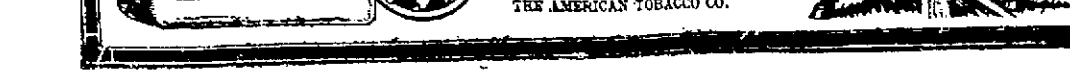
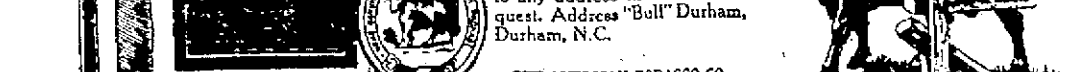
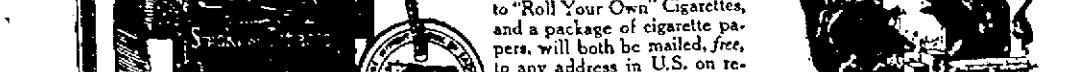
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# BODY OF EX-MAYOR KEARNS FOUND IN RIVER

## Waltham Man Missing Since December—Disappeared 3 Days Before Successor Took Office

WALTHAM, March 8.—The body of Thomas F. Kearns, mayor of Waltham, who disappeared on Dec. 31, three days before his successor was inaugurated, was found in Charles river late today. Identification was made by friends who recognized the cuff links. Mr. Kearns had been ill a week before his disappearance, and it was believed that he was still suffering from the result of this illness when he fell into the river. He was 45 years of age and unmarried.

# TWO AMERICANS KILLED

## Put to Death By Villa Bandits at Pechaco, Between Casas Grandes and Janos

EL PASO, Tex., March 8.—Reports received today by Gen. Gabriel Garcia, at Juarez, state that two Americans, named Franklin and Wright, were killed by Villa bandits Monday at Pechaco, between Casas Grandes and Janos, Chihuahua.

# SUES TOWN OF BILLERICA

## CASE OF DETECTIVE HOY HEARD BY JUDGE ENRIGHT THIS AFTERNOON

The civil suit of James Henry Hoy of Woburn, civil and criminal investigator, vs. the inhabitants of the town of Billerica and Burton O. Sanford, Josiah Wright and Ralph E. Manning, last year's board of selectmen, was tried before Judge Enright in the local court this afternoon. The suit demands \$1000. Edward W. Kennedy of Woburn appeared for the plaintiff and Melvin G. Rogers represented the town. Mr. Hoy was the first witness. He testified that in the early part of last year he was retained by the board of selectmen of Billerica to secure evidence against certain persons in the town who, it was claimed, were selling liquor illegally. The plaintiff said that under an agreement made with the selectmen he was to receive \$5 a day and expenses for his work and the same amount for every operator used. He said that he did considerable investigating in the town which resulted in a conviction of one James Zechlin of pinchur for maintaining a liquor nuisance. There is a record of this conviction in the court. Mr. Hoy said that his bill aggregated \$338 and he has been paid but \$250, leaving a balance of \$88 due him. The defense is that Hoy has been paid all the town agreed to pay him.

# BOYS TOOK SLEIGH

## STOPPED BY POLICE OFFICER AFTER THREE HOURS' DRIVE AROUND THE CITY

The good sleighing this afternoon tempted three boys about 10 or 12 years old, to take a horse and sleigh belonging to P. D. Munn, the grocer, from Paige street. According to the story of one of the boys who was apprehended driving the horse down Moody street the trio took the horse about noon and continued to drive until 3:30 when the officer stopped their pleasure.

# LEAP YEAR PARTY

A very successful leap year social and dance was held in Tiberian hall last evening by the ladies' auxiliary, A.O.H. There was a large attendance and a thoroughly enjoyed evening. The program was given with some 20 numbers was given with excellent music by Wall's orchestra. The officers in charge were warmly congratulated for the success of the party.

# ARRESTED FOR LARCENY

James Downey, known to the police as "Big Jim" was arrested in Middlesex street this afternoon by Inspector John A. Walsh and booked at headquarters charged with larceny of a pocketbook and \$4 in cash from Miss Alice, daughter of Dr. Leith of Lawrence street. It is claimed that as Downey was returning from the Cartridge shop he walked into Dr. Leith's office and took the pocketbook from a piano. Only a meager description was secured of the person, but when Downey was arrested he had the pocketbook and \$4 in his possession. He also had a dozen boxes of rubber heels.

# COMMANDER UNDER DEWEY

Rear Admiral Asa Walker Succumbs To Pneumonia After a Two Weeks' Illness

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Rear Admiral Asa Walker, retired, 70, one of Dewey's commanders at Manila Bay, died yesterday at Annapolis, after a two weeks' illness of pneumonia. His home was at Portsmouth, N. H.

# THREE AMERICANS HELD

## ARE PRISONERS OF VILLA ON THE BOCA GRANDE RIVER IN CHIHUAHUA

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 8.—With three American cattlemen presumably held as prisoners, Francisco Villa was reported today with between 200 and 300 men at a point on the Boca Grande river in Chihuahua, 35 miles west of Columbus and 27 miles south of the border.

# LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATIONS

The date for the filing of applications for liquor licenses expires March 16. Already three applications have been received by Clerk John J. Flaherty. Hugh Ferguson, proprietor of the Cecil hotel, being the first to send in an application. The license board will consider the application of James F. and Alice B. Mulvaney for a common victualler's license in the premises at 13 Merrimack street, now occupied by Andrew F. Pendergast.

# STRIKE IN LAWRENCE

## 46 YOUNG MEN IN PACIFIC MILLS WEAVE ROOM QUIT THEIR WORK TODAY

LAWRENCE, March 8.—Forty-six young men employed in the lower Pacific mills weave room struck today for an advance in wages from \$7.02 to \$8.10 per week.

# Men Attention!

Read the Uncle Dudley editorial in today's Globe. You will find the editorial page in the Globe worthy of attention every day.



The Boston Morning Globe—the most complete newspaper published in Boston—two cents per copy. The Boston Evening Globe—a live, local newspaper giving all of the news of the day—one cent per copy.

Arrange to have the Boston Daily Globe in your home regularly. Make the Globe your Boston newspaper.

"Mutt and Jeff." See Bud Fisher's great comic in the Boston Daily Globe.

# Stock Market Closing Prices March 8

FOR COMPLETE REPORT OF TODAY'S CLOSING PRICES SEE LATER EDITION

NEW YORK MARKET			
Stocks	High	Low	Close
Allis Chalmers	30 1/2	29 3/4	30 1/2
Am Beet Sugar	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
Am Can	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Am Car & Fm	67 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2
Am Oil	52 1/2	52	52 1/2
Am Hides L Co	3 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/2
Am Locomo	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Am Locomo pf	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Am Smelt & R	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/2
Am Sugar Rn	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
Am Soda	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Am Steel	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Baldwin Loco	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Balt & Ohio	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Balt & Ohio pf	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Beth Steel	47 1/2	47	47 1/2
Br Har Tran	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Cal Pete pf	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Canadian Pa	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Cast Pipe Co	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2
Cent Leather	52 1/2	52	52 1/2
Chas & Ohio	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
Chi & W pf	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/2
Chas R I & P	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Chile	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Col Fuel	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Consol Gas	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
Corn Products	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Crest Elec	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Gen Motors	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Dis Secur Co	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Erie	36 1/2	36	36 1/2
Erie Ist pf	52 1/2	52	52 1/2
Gen Elec	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Gen Motors	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Goodrich	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Gr North pf	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
Gr N Ore pf	42 1/2	42	42 1/2
Illinois Cen	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Int Met Com	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Int Met Com pf	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Int Mer Marine	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Int Mer Marine pf	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
Kan City St	25 1/2	25	25 1/2
Kan & Texas	3 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/2
Kan & Tex pf	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
Lehigh Valley	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Maxwell	60 1/2	60	60 1/2
Maxwell Ist	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Maxwell 2nd	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2
Missouri P	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Nat Lead	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2
N Y Air Brake	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
N Y Central	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Nor & West	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
Nor Am Co	68 1/2	68	68 1/2
North Pacific	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
North West	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
Pacific Mail	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
Pennsylvania	57 1/2	57	57 1/2
People's Gas	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	28 1/2	28	28 1/2
Pressed Steel	62 1/2	62	62 1/2
Pullman Co	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Ry St Sp Co	35 1/2	35	35 1/2
Reading	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Rep Iron & S	93 1/2	93	93 1/2
St Paul	93 1/2	93	93 1/2
Sloss-Sheffield	55 1/2	55	55 1/2
So Pacific	98 1/2	98	98 1/2
Southern Ry	20 1/2	20	20 1/2
Studebaker	14 1/2	14	14 1/2
Tenn Copper	57 1/2	57	57 1/2
Texas Pac	5 1/2	5 1/4	5 1/2
Union Pacific	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
U S Ind Alcohol	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
U S Rub	50 1/2	50	50 1/2
U S Rub pf	107 1/2	107	107 1/2
U S Steel	115 1/2	115	115 1/2
U S Steel pf	104 1/2	104	104 1/2
U S Steel 5s	104 1/2	104	104 1/2
U S Chem	52 1/2	52	52 1/2
Western Union	64 1/2	64	64 1/2
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# METALS IN THE LEAD

## ADVANCED IN FINAL HOUR—KENT SECUTANT COPPER FEATURE AT OPENING

NEW YORK, March 8.—Kennebec Copper featured today's early irregular stock market, opening with a sale of 2000 shares at 67 1/2, against yesterday's final quotation of 67 1/2, on rumors of an early dividend disbursement. Otherwise trading was light and without special feature, Crude Oil being the only noteworthy exception on its decline of a point. Gains and losses were too mixed to show a very definite tone, but later prices manifested a more decided downward trend on heaviness in such investment issues as Union Pacific and New York Central.

Dealings during the forenoon were so obviously professional as to deprive the market of other than local interest. Irregularity became more pronounced but the decline was partly checked by a demand for Reading, which rose two points on large transactions. This was offset, however, by recurrent heaviness in Crude Oil, Standard Oil, and other oil stocks, which were active shares, including California Petroleum and People's Gas were appreciably better. United States Steel and Kennecott were subject to intermittent pressure. Further weakness in German exchange featured the international money market. Bonds were irregular.

Afternoon developed fresh weakness in the afternoon, the decline following the news that officials of important steel companies had been indicted by an Ohio grand jury for alleged violation of the labor laws of that state. Metals led the rise of the final hour, the entire list improving on publication of the favorable crop report. The closing was steady.

# BOSTON MARKET

BOSTON, March 8.—The local mining market opened irregularly today with a light demand. Calumet & Hecla fell off to 850 and Copper Range declined 1 to 63. Towards noon there was a slight rally.

# EXCHANGES

NEW YORK, March 8.—Exchanges, \$447,710,914; balances, \$27,915,390.

# MONEY MARKET

NEW YORK, March 8.—Mercantile paper 3 to 3 1/4; Sterling, 100 day bills 4 1/4; demand 4 1/4; cables 4 1/4. 5-6. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. 38. 39. 40. 41. 42. 43. 44. 45. 46. 47. 48. 49. 50. 51. 52. 53. 54. 55. 56. 57. 58. 59. 60. 61. 62. 63. 64. 65. 66. 67. 68. 69. 70. 71. 72. 73. 74. 75. 76. 77. 78. 79. 80. 81. 82. 83. 84. 85. 86. 87. 88. 89. 90. 91. 92. 93. 94. 95. 96. 97. 98. 99. 100.

# NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE

## Firemen Opposed to Complete Revision of Pension System for Public Employees

BOSTON, March 8.—Thomas E. P. Wilson of Lynn, in behalf of the firemen, declared that he is not opposed to a complete revision of the pension system for public employees, but was opposed to the bills. He said the firemen oppose the bills because their privileges would be curtailed, and they especially protested against the contributory feature of 5 per cent. The firemen are all in the cold under these bills, and there are about 12,000 of these men in service," said Mr. Wilson.

James J. Crowley of Holyoke, for the Firemen's Permanent association, contended that any change which would deprive the firemen of their pension rights would be an abrogation of the rights conferred upon them by the referendum vote of the people, who had accepted the provisions of this law in certain cities and towns.

# Presses a Fight in the House

Clarence W. Rowley, for the Russell Fire club, which comprises nearly every fireman in Boston, declared that if the committee reported the bills favorably the result would be a fight on the floor of the house that never was equaled. "The committee," said Mr. Rowley, "will cost the state more than \$100,000 a year, whereas now it costs little or nothing for administration."

EX-Senator Albert S. Ames, for the Massachusetts Police association, told the committee that the principal reason why the policemen throughout the state protest against the proposed change is because of the contributory feature of 5 per cent a year.

Among the others opposed were: Edward J. White, president of the Boston Social club, comprising all the Boston policemen; John Kelley of Lynn, president of the Permanent Firemen's association; Edward J. Barry of Brockton, for the Brockton Firemen's association; Dr. William E. Elton, for the Boston City Insane hospital employees; Capt. John J. Sullivan of Lawrence, for the Massachusetts Police association; Rep. Benjamin Young of Weston, representing the prison watchmen and instructors; and Senator Ezra W. Clark.

# Chemist Starts a Smell

A strange and distinctly unpleasant odor permeated the air in the room of the west wing and bathed front of the state house in the morning during a demonstration by Director Lythgoe of the state foods and drugs division before the committee on public health. He was showing that it is not benzene of soda which makes ratpulp for cats, but a mixture of vinegar and sugar which gives such pleasure to the nostrils.

He had some tomato pulp in his hand, and showed that by adding benzene of soda the odor was unchanged, but with the addition of vinegar, sugar and spices it smelled quite all right.

# Would Try Out Laborers

Laboring men have a reasonable cause for complaint against the present law, in that it does not give them as much chance for experience as is desirable. According to Elmer L. Laidley, of the civil service commission, addressed to the public service committee at the continued hearing on the plan to consolidate the civil service commission with the commission on economy and efficiency and with extension of the civil service to counting.

# BOSTON MARKET

## RAILROADS

Stocks	High	Low	Close
Adventure	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/2
Alaska Gold	2 1/2	2 1/4	2 1/2
Alumina	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
American Zinc	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
Arizona Com	8 1/2	8 1/4	8 1/2
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Butte & Superior	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Cal & Hecla	55 1/2	55	55 1/2
China	57 1/2	57 1/4	57 1/2
Copper Range	63 1/2	63 1/4	63 1/2
De Butte	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
Granby	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/2
Greene-Canaan	49 1/2	49	49 1/2
Hancock	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Inspiration	48 1/2	48 1/4	48 1/2
Lake Superior	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/2
Lake	16 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Mass	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
Miami	35 1/2	35 1/4	35 1/2
Michigan	33 1/2	33 1/4	33 1/2
Nevada	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/2
Nipissing	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2
North Butte	29 1/2	29	29 1/2
Old Idaho	19 1/2	19	19 1/2
Old Dominion	27 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/2
Osceola	95 1/2	95	95 1/2
Quincy	22 1/2	22	22 1/2
Ray Con	24 1/2	24	24 1/2
Shannon	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
Shattuck	37 1/2	37	37 1/2
Tamarack	63 1/2	63 1/4	63 1/2
U S Smelting	64 1/2	64	64 1/2
U S Smelting pf	50 1/2	50	50 1/2
Utah-Apex	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/2
Wolverine	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2

# TELEPHONE

Am Tel & Tel... 127 1/2

# MISCELLANEOUS

Am Ag Chem... 97 1/2

# COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Mar. 8.—Cotton futures opened steady, May 11.65; July 11.85; October 12.05; December 12.25; January 12.35. Spot quiet; middling 11.65.

# WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—Owing to the new export of wheat and corn since the last harvest season, much interest centered in today's department of agriculture monthly report announcing the amount of wheat of last year's record crop remaining on farms March 1.

# MILK RATE INQUIRY

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 8.—Mrs. Bessie Spellman and Mrs. Gertrude May Dailey, witnesses in the murder trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, were adjudged probably guilty of perjury in connection with the testimony they gave in that case and were bound over to the grand jury in the sixth district court today. The hearing in the case, which had been continued several times, occupied the whole morning.

# ARE HELD FOR PERJURY

MRS. SPELLMAN AND MRS. DAILEY WERE ADJUDGED PROBABLY GUILTY

# MILK RATE INQUIRY

PROF. RASMUSSEN OF NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE COLLEGE TESTIFIES

BOSTON, March 8.—Prof. Frederick Rasmussen, head of the dairying department of the New Hampshire State college, declared at the milk rate investigation by the interstate commerce commission today that any injury to the dairy industry in New England through higher cost of transportation would cut deeply into the revenue of the Boston & Maine railroad. He said that the hay crop was dependent upon farming and dairying for its volume and that any change adversely affecting the dairymen would result in decreased hay and grain shipments over the Boston & Maine into New Hampshire.

# PIMPLY? WELL, DON'T BE!

People Notice It. Drive Them Off With Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

A pimply face will not embarrass you any longer if you take a package of Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets. The tablets begin to clear after you have taken the tablets a few nights.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are the successful substitute for calomel—there's never any sickness or pain after taking them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets do that which calomel does, and just as effectively, but their action is gentle and safe instead of severe and drastic.

No one who takes Olive Tablets is ever cured with a dark brown taste, a bad breath, a dull, listless, "no good" feeling, constipation, torpid liver, bad disposition or pimply face.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a purely vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. You will know them by their olive color.

Dr. Edwards spent years among patients afflicted with liver and bowel complaints, and Olive Tablets are the immensely effective result.

Take one or two nightly for a week. See how much better you feel and look. 10c and 50c per box. All druggists. The Olive Tablet Company, Columbus, O.

# KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF

CHICAGO, Mar. 8.—Marriage through newspaper advertisements took an abnormal turn of tragedy when P. G. Ginetis shot his wife to death and then committed suicide at Matagorda, Tex. Monday. The news reached here yesterday.

Ludvicka Ginetis, 16



# CEMENT TRENCH FOR U. S. NAVY ON BEACON HILL

Continuous Fort Across Belgium—Built by Germans for Retreat

SYDNEY, C. B., March 9.—Private Beckwith, of the 14th Canadian Battalion, wounded at Ypres, April 24, 1915, by the Germans on the field of battle four days later, taken to the Belgian town of Ruller, and later transferred to Dusseldorf, Germany, where he remained prisoner until the recent exchange of incapacitated prisoners of war, is one of the latest arrivals at the Ross Convalescent hospital here.

During the bombardment of Ypres a "Jack Johnson" exploded about 20 yards from Beckwith. Splinters of the shell flew all about but did not strike him. He was thrown to the ground and was unconscious several hours. The concussion of the shell had dislocated his ankle, giving him what is known in surgery as drop foot. He was discharged as incurable.

Beckwith has a souvenir pair of crutches given him at Dusseldorf, an evidence of German preparation even in the smallest detail.

"Nothing like this in this country," he boasted, showing how they could be extended to fit an eight-foot giant, shortened to fit a midget, or even taken apart to be used as canes.

"The Germans," he continued, "prepared for retreat when the big drive came, have built a cement trench across Belgium. It can best be described as a continuous underground fort. We traveled for miles beside it coming to Antwerp, and in my opinion, it is practically impenetrable to frontal attack."

"Looks hard for us, doesn't it?" the reporter asked.

"Yes," he admitted. "It does look bad, but it isn't so bad as it looks. Our Jackies are checking that trench. I won't tell you what the plan is, but I take it from me they are going to dig the trench out of their hole, and then we will take that trench from behind."

## NEW SECRETARY OF WAR

NEWTON D. BAKER ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON TO ASSUME HIS DUTIES

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, the new secretary of war, arrived here this morning to assume his new duties. Mr. Baker planned to confer first with President Wilson and then go to the war department to take the oath of office and become acquainted with the officers who will serve under him.

WONT DROP BAY STATE CASE

Public Service Commission Refuses to Dismiss Petition for Increase in Evidence Is All In

BOSTON, March 9.—The public service commission yesterday refused the request for dismissal of the petition to the Bay State street railway to be allowed to raise its fare to six cents, asked by D. Gerry Brown on behalf of several labor unions, till the testimony is all in. Mr. Brown will appeal to the supreme court.

Cross examination of witnesses for the railway will begin April 1. The public service board will sit daily from 9.30 to 1.30, excepting Saturdays. The board will hold open two weeks and reserve three days a week thereafter if necessary.

Gerry Brown's petition that the case be dismissed was based on the contention that the Bay State's evidence has shown no need of an increase of fare and that the slight increase in wages was "used as a blind to delude the investing public into the belief that an overwhelming increase in fares was necessary to pay a miserly increase in wages."

Arthur G. Wadleigh of Lynn, for the remonstrants, said he intends to cross examine at length the "so-called" superintendent of transportation for the Bay State, Prof. Albert S. Richey of Worcester.

## CRITICIZING RESCUE LEAGUE

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Miss Emily Skilton, who is in charge of the work in this city, gave a report of her doing during the past year and the report which proved very interesting was accepted. The treasurer's report was as follows:

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Craft to Equal the British Fleet

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Approximately a billion and a half dollars for new ships and an annual up-keep charge of \$200,000,000 is what Admiral Fletcher estimates it would cost to carry out the navy general board's recommendations that the American navy should equal the most powerful fleet afloat by not later than 1925.

The admiral's estimate was given yesterday in testimony before the house naval committee.

Representative Callaway, who brought out the statement, called attention to published reports that Great Britain has added nearly 1,000,000 tons to her fighting ships since the war began. He asked if the situation was "hopeless."

Admiral Fletcher thought not, adding that, judging by his great wealth, the United States could well afford to give its interests the same protection that other nations thought necessary.

Representative Hensley asked if a race in building warships or in any other military preparation between two nations had not invariably led to war.

Admiral Fletcher said no, and expressed the opinion that failure to prepare was merely making certain that a nation must surrender. His rights.

## HELD LENTEN SERVICES

SERMONS BY RECTOR AND ASSISTANT RECTOR AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH

ASH Wednesday services were held at St. Anne's church yesterday at 10.30 in the forenoon, at noon and at 7.30 in the evening. Communion was served at the early service and the sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Shaw, assistant rector of the church. There was singing by the full choir. Rev. Appleton Granin, the rector, was the preacher at the noon meeting and he also preached at the evening service.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CIRCLE

The Women's Missionary circle of the First Baptist church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. H. Peplin, 412 East Merrimack street. The subject of the meeting, "Home Missions as a National Force," was under the direction of Miss Adelaide R. Naves, who was assisted in her development of the topic by Mrs. Charles Lovjoy and Miss Hazel Mullen. Mrs. Frank Kimball read a letter from Mrs. Booker T. Washington and Mrs. Lottie Myers spoke of missionary work among the Crow Indians. Mrs. W. H. Peplin read a short tribute to the Massachusetts women who founded Spelman seminary, a school for the education of colored girls in Atlanta, Ga. The King's Daughters' quartet sang several selections.

## LADIES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Congregational church held its regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Carrie Stafford, 372 Beacon street, yesterday afternoon. An entertaining program was furnished by several of the women, the subject being "Empires of Foreign Home Life." There was a diet by Agnes McKinley Hart and Mrs. Goggin Mildred Coombs and Helen Osgood dressed in native costume, demonstrated child worship in China and India. Helen Osgood also favored with vocal selections. A social hour was enjoyed with refreshments served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Coole.

## Y.M.C.A. STAR COURSE

ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BY PILGRIM QUARTET OF BOSTON

In spite of the unfavorable weather last evening there was a fair sized audience at the last entertainment in the Y.M.C.A. star course held at the First Baptist church. Church street. The program was furnished by the Pilgrim male quartet of Boston, assisted by Miss Lucille Barry, a reader. The musical numbers consisted chiefly of quartet selections and solos, all of which were very favorably received. The quartet comprised Robert Fitzgerald, Percy P. Baker, William Gustafson, Jr., and Everett S. Glines.

## STRAW LIDS COME HIGH

LONDON, Mar. 9.—The price of straw hats in London is to be advanced 12 cents the coming season. The reason is that the straw plant, which comes from Italy, is scarce and the price is high, while the cost of production has also advanced. Makers are economizing in material. The ribbon will be slightly narrower than heretofore and the average hat will have a three-inch crown with brim two and a quarter inches wide.

## HIGH FIRE IN PROVIDENCE

PROVIDENCE, Mar. 9.—One of the most spectacular fires ever seen on the water front, early last night, destroyed the coal pocket of the New Haven railroad at Harbor Junction wharf burning 600 tons of coal and damaging a three-masted schooner, all to the extent of about \$100,000.

## BANGOR "GRAFT" PROBE

BANGOR, Me., Mar. 9.—The second arrest in the "graft" investigation was made yesterday, when Jere T. Carrow, clerk in the highway department, was taken in custody on charge of stealing and secreting 231 bags of cement owned by the city and valued at \$1012. Carrow was arraigned in the municipal court, pleaded not guilty and was held for the grand jury, furnishing \$500 bail.

## LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Reports Favorably on New Years Holiday Bill

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## TOWN OF DRACUT NEWS

Activity in the Centre Village—Grange Meeting and Other Social Events

As a result of a visit of members of the state board of health to the town of Dracut, a large number of cows, which were troubled with what is known as barn itch, were ordered quarantined, but this action on the part of the board of health did not in any way affect the milk supply, for the farmers were allowed to milk their cows, but for fear that the itch might be communicated to other cows, the quarantine was ordered.

Drastic measures were taken at once on the part of the farmers and now the disease, which threatened to spread through the town is practically checked. It is said that the disease is not dangerous, but is annoying to cattle.

**Hawk Killed**  
A large hawk which had been hovering over the east part of the town for some time has been killed by Henry Fox of that section of the town. The hawk was seen about the farm-houses on several occasions and one day the large bird was seen to fly to the ground and then return heavenward with a large pheasant in its talons. Fearing that the hawk meant harm to the hens of the village, Mr. Fox made up his mind to get it, and a couple of days ago he managed to bring it to the ground with a well directed shot from his rifle. The bird proved to be a very large specimen and hereafter its plumage will adorn the home of the Fox family.

**Poverty Party**  
The members of the Centre Congregational church are organizing a poverty party for the benefit of the church. The affair will be held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society with Mrs. Walter Dutton in charge and will be conducted Friday evening in the vestry of the church. Appropriate prizes will be awarded those wearing the poorest costumes, and they will include prizes for boys, girls, men and women.

**Misses Show**  
All is now in readiness for the minstrel show to be given at Grange hall in the latter part of the month. The affair is being organized by Miss Anna Roth and the proceeds of the event will be utilized in purchasing a large motor for the church organ.

**Dracut Grange**  
On Monday evening, March 20, a regular meeting of the members of the Dracut grange will be held at the hall in the Centre village. A feature of the third degree by the ladies degree staff, which is composed of the following: Alice B. Colburn, master; Evelyn C. Varnum, overseer; Elizabeth C. Stickney, lecturer; Linda A. Welch, steward; Glenna A. Moxley, assistant steward; Gertrude J. Cluff, chaplain; Florence M. Wisney, treasurer; Hazel B. Cluff, secretary; Irene A. Fox, gate keeper; Hazel Weinbeck, cress; Marion B. Sanborn, poisoner; Eva Hunt, floral; B. Melia Colburn, lady assistant steward; Ann B. Roth, Elizabeth Roth, Mabel W. Crosby, Mabel A. Walsh, B. Maude Colburn, Charlotte

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## CANADIANS THREATENED TO TAR AND FEATHER AMERICAN PASTOR

Berlin, Ont., Soldiers Broke into Home of Rev. R. C. Tappert and Dragged Him to Street—Protest Filed by the American Consul

Berlin, Ont., March 9.—Sentence was suspended yesterday on the two soldiers, who, with others, recently broke into the home of the Rev. R. C. Tappert, pastor of St. Mathews Lutheran church and dragged him to the street. Mr. Tappert says he is an American citizen and a protest against his treatment at the hands of the soldiers has been filed by the American consul at Hamilton.

The two soldiers, Sergeant-Major Blood and private Sam Schaefer, admitted that the minister's story was substantially true, and the former sought to justify their actions by saying Mr. Tappert had shown by his utterances that he was an enemy to the British empire.

The crown attorney was not present when the two men were brought before a magistrate for sentence. In releasing them on suspended sentence, the court said he assumed he was doing so with the consent of the crown.

**ARRIVES AT BUFFALO**  
NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—Information that the Rev. R. C. Tappert had arrived at Buffalo with his family was received today by his brother, the Rev. G. H. Tappert of this city. R. C. Tappert was formerly pastor of churches in this city and vicinity and in Meriden, Conn. He went to Berlin, Ont., three years ago.

His brother said that the Berlin pastor had never during his residence in Canada caused offense by expression or implication of pro-German sentiments, but his trouble there began a year ago when a statement regarding alleged Belgian atrocities was attributed to him.

"My brother was asked by a member of his congregation whether some features of the Belgian charges were true, and simply replied that he doubted the truth of some of them at least," said Dr. Tappert. "From that time on the persecutions have never ceased."

He added R. C. Tappert's daughter had been denounced as an "American parasite," after she declined to contribute to a fund for war purposes and that the Berlin pastor's boys had been invited to swear allegiance to the British flag but had declined as they were Americans.

In February, G. H. Tappert said, his brother received a warning signed by "The Berlin Boys" composed of a battalion at the barracks there, that if he did not leave the city in forty days, he would be tarred and feathered. Then he resigned.

"Seventy of the battalion members called at the parsonage at midnight on Sunday and called on him to come out," said G. H. Tappert. "He declined, whereupon the front door of the parsonage was broken down and the place invaded. When my brother confronted the intruders they seized him and dragged him outside, refusing his wife permission to give him a hat or overcoat."

"For some time the soldiers marched my brother up and down King street, hitting and slapping him. Then they took him to the rear of the barracks and ordered him to sing the English national hymn."

to said improvements by them herein after agreed to be performed, etc."

And among the "hereinafters agreed to be performed" the city and town had to remove and set back the north-easterly abutment and construct one pier, and remove all stone from the river, including that comprising the north-easterly pier, the Locks & Canals company taking away the southerly pier. These little matters footed up a bill of over \$36,000 on which the city and town went practically 50-50 in meeting the expense.

But here's the point: At the present time when everybody else wants a concrete bridge at Pawtucket falls, the Locks & Canals company is holding out for a more expensive steel bridge and thus offering less obstructions to the flow of water in said river etc."

Why doesn't the Locks & Canals company come forward with a similar proposition to that of 1871 when it said: "and in consideration of thereby securing that and with at their own expense perform the work pertaining to said improvements etc."

If they must have a steel bridge why not construct one at their own expense and have the city bear the cost of removing the old one?

**But Little "Resolving"**  
Despite any reports to the contrary, in the two months that the present administration has been in office there has been no resolving, with one exception, the action of the city laborers' pay, and in that case it was not a general shift-over, Mayor O'Donnell and Commissioner Patton voting consistently on the matter on both occasions. Otherwise, there has been none. In discussing the appropriations' budget, the municipal council, following the custom of years, went through the budget and made tentative recommendations, all of which were subject to change before final action was taken, and hence the final vote not to repair the Westford street fire house, after it had been previously tentatively recommended, was not a case of rescinding former action. On this proposition, too, Mayor O'Donnell was opposed to making repairs from the start, and ground that the city would construct a new fire house next year, and hence repairing the Westford street house at this time would be a waste of money.

The sentiment of the residents of the Highland district backs up the mayor's position. The Highlanders are willing to wait a year for their new house, and to forego the repairs on the present house, provided they are given adequate fire protection in the meantime.

**The Dammer Street Extension**  
Ever since the municipal council has had the Dammer street extension project under consideration, a high official of the government has looked out of a city hall window his attention has been arrested by the significant words on a sign on the roof of the old Boston theatre building, across the street: "Eventually—Why Not Now?"

The project has been opposed each time by Messrs. Dempsey and Kelly, both of whom have long established places of business in Market street, in the line of the proposed street, and who have stoutly held out and fought to the last ditch for the preservation of their establishments.

Above the first to start in business in that locality, they are about the last to leave, and are being forced out, at that. They were on the ground long before the first Greek established himself in that section, and though in recent years practically surrounded by new buildings, they have refused to budge, until the last court of appeal has officially bidden them.

**THE SPELLBINDER.**  
FIERCE SNOW STORM  
PRESENT FALL ONE OF THE WORST OF SEASON—CAR SERVICE MUCH CRIPPLED

A fierce snow storm, the worst of the season, started yesterday forenoon and lasted all the afternoon and during the night, accompanied by a high wind, subsiding early this morning. Street car traffic was greatly impaired, Boston & Maine trains arriving in Lowell were late, and automobiles and teams did but very little traveling. It is estimated that about seven inches of snow fell.

This morning, Commissioner Charles J. Morse of the street department began work clearing away the snow. About

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## CANNOT TAKE VERDUN

French Press and Public Confident That Fortress Will Hold Out—Story of Great Battle

PARIS, March 9.—The official statement published last night has done much to relieve the tension which had been caused in the public mind by the expectation of a great onslaught on the main French defenses on the west bank of the Meuse. Press and public are now more than ever convinced that the Germans will not be able to take Verdun.

Military observers express the belief that the Germans originally intended a frontal attack on Verdun which was to be accompanied by two flank attacks, one in the Woëvre not meant to be pushed home and the other on the west bank of the Meuse which might develop into the main attack. Desiring, however, to justify a premature announcement of the capture of Donauwerth, the crown prince kept 200,000 men on the right bank of the river, against the advice of his generals who insisted that they could be employed on the other bank.

Now that the Germans have begun the flank attack the French critics say, it is too late by ten days. Artillerymen on both sides are lying up to the reputation already established for the battle of Verdun as the greatest artillery duel of the war. Many sectors of the French front on Sunday and Monday last received an average of 100,000 shells in twelve hours. Whole woods were reduced to smoking material. The little river at Forges disappeared altogether, having been dammed in half a dozen places and 20 feet of the crest of Hill No. 213 near Forges was blown away.

The first attack on Bethincourt made on Tuesday was preceded by six "Zeppelins" flying over the town, dropping bombs and throwing gas. The infantry came on from three sides along the road from Gercourt to Bethincourt, from Forges village and from the slopes of Hill No. 265. French

forces estimate that the attacking forces were not fewer than 20,000. Fifteen different battalions were identified. All day long the Germans fought to gain a foothold in the important village of Bethincourt, which lies in a hollow commanded by both sides. When night fell the last attacking column was thrown back by the French who fought with great determination against hostile forces double their number. The position on Gosses hall was similar. The Germans were held in check as long as daylight lasted. However, sheltering themselves in ravines in Corbeaux wood they managed to force a way up a narrow lane leading to Cumieres wood, which stands on the top of the ridge linking Gosses and Dead Man's hills, only to be driven out of the greater part of their conquest by a French counter attack on Wednesday. The German losses in officers is particularly heavy, according to statements made by prisoners and this fact is believed to be the explanation of the unexpected speed with which the Germans were held in general by orders of the emperor, leading their men into action instead of following them. This sight had not been witnessed, it is said, for many months.

Zeppelins are active behind the French lines endeavoring to strike at communications. On Tuesday they appeared over Revigny station, with the evident intention of destroying trainloads of munitions. The station agent, named Plancon, with the help of a station hand, with great coolness and dexterity, coupled up the cars composing the train and got them off to a place of safety, bombs exploding all around, but none striking the target. For this the station agent was decorated with the Military Cross.

35 plows were used on the principal streets of the city early this morning clearing the snow for pedestrians. Sidewalks in the business section of the city were coated with ice two inches thick and store employees were busy breaking it up this morning.

Commissioner Morse estimates that the storm will cost the city from \$5000 to \$10,000. One other storm this year proved expensive to the city but yet less costly than the present one. The city's may have more damage when the work is well under way.

This has been a remarkable winter for snow. Previous to yesterday the total fall of snow was 56.5 inches, and with about seven inches added brings

the total for the year thus far to 63.5 inches. There has been snow on the ground continuously since Feb. 2, and the outlook is for a continuation of the present conditions for some time longer. The street railway was hit harder than any other corporation operating in this city. Despite the fact that all available plows were put into use, the storm proved a difficult one to handle, and by 6 o'clock, when mill and store employees attempted to get home, the car service was badly crippled. Railroad trains could not keep up to the schedule. The telephone company and electric light corporation did not suffer to any extent.

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**Colds, Grippe, Pneumonia**

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The insertion of the prices in this space Thursday, March 9, 1916, in Courier-Citizen was an error, as there should have been no prices quoted.

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## UNDERGROUND WIRES CONFERENCE SUBJECT

Electric Light and Tele. Companies Cannot Use Same Conduits—Light Voltage Too High

An interesting conference having to do with the placing of public service corporation wires underground was held in the mayor's reception room at city hall this forenoon. The conference was called for by the mayor, who has gone on record as being opposed to the granting of any more pole locations to public service corporations and the stand taken by representatives of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company and the Lowell Electric Light corporation was that they would be glad to put their wires underground if conditions, financial and otherwise, would permit, but that to make any big attempt to do so at this time is absolutely out of the question. The parties to the conference were Mayor James E. O'Donnell; E. K. Hall, vice president of the New England Telephone & Telegraph company; Manager John A. Hunt, of the Lowell Electric Light corporation; Benjamin J. Mahoney, division superintendent of electric power for the New England Telephone & Telegraph company. Commissioners Duncan and Donnelly were present during the latter part of the conference.

The mayor opened the conference by emphasizing numerous requests for pole locations, the many objections offered by citizens and advanced the thought that all wires might, in time, be placed underground. He realized, he said, it was a job that couldn't be done in a hurry, but he thought a start might be made. He spoke of the considerable extension of heavy paved streets and the thought occurred to him that the conduits might be put in ahead of the paving in order to obviate the necessity of digging up the paving at some future time. The mayor said he didn't want to be unreasonable or to appear in the light of a demagogue in requiring impossible things of public service corporations, but he thought it might be possible for those corporations to prepare plans for the laying of all wires underground and that a start be made this spring.

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## WITNESS IN ROPER CASE

Herbert Harnden of Tewksbury Taken to Jail to Be Detained as a Witness

Herbert Harnden, the Tewksbury youth who is looked upon as so important a witness in the Roper murder case, was taken from a camp near Silver Lake in Wilmington by State Officers Eastman and Murtigh about 6 o'clock last evening, and removed to the Lowell jail for safe keeping. Harnden was not arrested. The police draw a very fine line in their definition when it comes to arrest and detention. Harnden is being detained as a witness and is not a prisoner in the police sense of the word.

The real reason for the state police interesting themselves in Harnden's whereabouts was due to the fact that Harnden failed to put in an appearance before the grand jury at the court house in Gardiner street on Monday last. He had been notified to appear, but it seems he turned his steps in an opposite direction.

When the state police went to his

house yesterday afternoon to inquire Harnden they were told by his mother that the boy had not been home since Monday morning at which time he left for Lowell to appear before the grand jury. The state officers proceeded to get busy and were "tipped" that they might find young Harnden in one of two or three camps near Silver Lake. The officers found Harnden in a camp with another young man some distance below Foster's turnpike in Tewksbury and about two miles back from the highway.

In view of the importance of Harnden's testimony, State Officer Eastman recommended that the young man be held for his appearance before the grand jury in the sum of \$500. Harnden did not manage to secure bonds last night but this forenoon Mr. John B. Purdy went surety for him in the sum required and the young man was released.

## NOT TILL AFTER THE WAR

Little Verfaillie Child Will Be Held in Belgium Until Sea Voyage is Safe

Little Paula Verfaillie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Verfaillie of 18 First street, this city, who was in Belgium prior to the breaking out of the European war, and for whose return to Lowell Congressman Rogers has done all in his power, will not come here until after the war is over. Such is the message contained in a cable despatch to the U. S. department from the American minister at Brussels.

The child had been left in Belgium in care of her aunt by the parents, while on a visit prior to the war. A few months ago, fearing for the safety of the little one, the parents got Congressman Rogers interested and arrangements were made for passports to Lowell.

It seems now that the aunt of the child who has her in charge at her home in Roulers, Belgium, will not part with the little one. She informed the American minister that it would not be safe to allow the child to come across until the war is over. She says she is financially able to care for the child and will not allow her to under-

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## 13 AMERICANS KILLED BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Crossed Border and Attacked Columbus, N. M. — Fired Buildings, Shot Down Civilians and U. S. Soldiers and Fled — Pursued into Mexico by U. S. Troops — New War Secretary Acts -- Situation Very Serious

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Five hundred Mexican bandits, believed to have been led by Francisco Villa, crossed the international border under cover of darkness early today and attacked this town, killing a dozen or more American men and women, including at least seven United States soldiers.

The Mexican fugitive said that Villa addressed his men yesterday just before ordering an advance on Columbus, and declared the watchword would be "death to Americans."

The Mexican confirmed a report previously given out by Carranza officials that Villa had freely stated that he intended to force intervention by the United States by raiding American territory and killing civilians and soldiers.

Reinforcements Sent

Major Lindsey, stationed at Gibson ranch, sent three troops of cavalry across the border to reinforce Major Tompkins, who went in pursuit of the raiders.

COL. SLOCUM'S REPORT

EL PASO, Tex., March 9.—The official report from Col. Slocum, Thirtieth U. S. Cavalry, commanding the troops at Columbus to his commanding officer at Douglas, Ariz., follows:

"The camp was attacked at 4:30 this morning by a force of Mexicans from across the border. The attack was repulsed and now at 6:45 a. m. the Mexicans are retreating toward the border to the southeast. I have sent mounted troops in pursuit. Several buildings were burned in town. So far as known the army loss has been three killed and four wounded. The number of civilians killed in town is not known. A number of dead Mexican soldiers are lying around town and our camp. All firing has ceased. No help necessary."

(Signed), "Slocum,"  
"Commanding Thirtieth Cavalry."

**DIAB AT NEW ORLEANS**

WASHINGTON, March 9.—State department agents have information that Felix Diaz, the Mexican revolutionary leader, is hiding in New Orleans and upon their information they are satisfied that he has not landed in Mexico with an armed expedition as has been reported.

**VILLA IN COMMAND**

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Information that Francisco Villa, and his chief lieutenant, Pablo Lopez, were in personal command of the raid was given Col. Slocum by a Mexican rancher captured by the bandits last Sunday. He told of the hanging of the American ranchers, McKinney, Corbett and O'Neill, and declared that a fourth American whose name he did not know had been hanged at the same time. The Mexican informant said Villa attacked with from 800 to 1000 men and a machine gun platoon.

**THREE AMERICANS RANGED**

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 9.—Arthur McKinney, foreman of the Palomas ranch; William Corbett and James O'Neill, captured by Villa Tuesday, were hanged and their bodies burned, according to information received here today. The hanging occurred when the bandits raided the cattle herd of the Bosques Grandes ranch.

**NEW WAR SECRETARY ACTS**

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Secretary Baker transmitted to President Wilson reports about the attack on Columbus, N. M., as quickly as they were received today at the war department. It was said at the White House that vigorous steps would be taken to punish the bandits. The president directed Secretary Baker to do everything possible to protect the Americans.

At the state department it was said that the situation was "very serious" but that no announcement of what action could be taken would be announced until an official investigation was concluded.

**MAJ. GEN. FUNSTON'S REPORT**

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Maj. Gen. Funston's first report on the Columbus massacre says three troopers were killed and that four were wounded. It did not bring full details.

Gen. Funston's report said firing had ceased at 6:30 o'clock and that cavalry was in pursuit of the bandits to the southwest of Columbus. The number of civilian dead was unknown at that time.

An unofficial report received here and transmitted to the Carranza embassy, said the thirtieth cavalry had crossed the border in pursuit.

General Funston's report, sent from Fort Sam Houston, Tex., follows:

Col. Slocum, Thirtieth Cavalry, at Columbus, New Mexico, reports camp attacked at 4:30 this morning by force of Mexicans across border. Attack repulsed at time of reporting, 6:45 a. m. Mexicans were then retreating toward border to southeast. He has sent mounted troops in pursuit. Several buildings burned in town of Columbus. So far as known at time of report loss of three men killed, four wounded. Number of civilians killed in town not known. Number dead Mexican soldiers lying around town and camp. All firing has ceased."

## FRENCH LINES HOLD FIRM GERMAN ATTACKS FAIL

Offensive of German Armies Before Verdun Being Developed Far to West of Meuse

The offensive of the crown prince's armies before Verdun is being developed with particular violence far to the west of the Meuse, where successive waves of German infantry have swept down upon Bethincourt ten miles northwest of the fortress, in an effort to roll back the French left flank. According to Paris the French lines here have held firm, all the attacks being repulsed.

Bethincourt lies just to the north of Dead Man's hill, the dominating position on the Forges brook heights from which the fire of French guns has been hampering German operations not only west of the Meuse but by long range fire helping to break up attempted advances on the opposite side of the stream.

The Germans, since their capture of the Corbeaux wood, to the east, have not been able to advance further southward, and, indeed, according to Paris, have even been driven back out of the greater part of the Corbeaux position.

In the meanwhile the Teutonic attack on the French center had been resumed, and here the Germans had a success, the recapture of the Hardan-

mont redoubt being admitted by Paris. The assault on the French right flank seems to have been suspended for the time being. The crown prince is reported to have sixty thousand men spread along a seven mile front on the plain east of Verdun. The attack, however, has not been pressed in this region by the Germans, except that at Fresnes recently where they drove out the French who were clinging precariously to an advanced position in the village, 13 miles south-east of Verdun, this shortening their line and possibly preparing the way for a more serious closing in later on this flank of the French defenses.

Evidently the French still are apprehensive of a stroke by the Germans in the Argonne region, where a drive south would threaten communication with Verdun, for the artillery is busy pounding German transport routes, notably in the eastern Argonne, close to the edge of the Verdun positions.

Few events of importance have been reported from the other war areas, interest in these chiefly centering in the continuation of the Russian advance in Turkish Armenia.

the seizure of German ships in neutral Portuguese ports on Feb. 23 was an act against the law and the treaties concluded between Germany and Portugal."

The Portuguese government by these acts, openly gave evidence that Portugal considers herself England's vassal, for whom England's interests and wishes are paramount in comparison with other considerations."

**THE PINDER CASE**

Former Police Messenger to Be Given Hearing By Mayor

John J. Pinder, former police messenger, will be granted a hearing by the mayor. The office of police messenger was abolished by the mayor early in the year and Mr. Pinder, through his counsel, Dennis J. Murphy, asked for a hearing. While the mayor feels the case is not one in which the individual or his rights are under question or attack, he is willing that Mr. Pinder should be given a hearing if the latter believes the protection of his rights demands it. The mayor's position in the matter is set forth in the following letter:

Dear Sir: In reply to your letter of March 8, relative to the request of Mr. John J. Pinder, former police messenger, for a hearing on what he terms the "charges" contained in my announcement notifying him of the abolition of the position held by him, permit me respectfully to state, that in said notification, no charge whatever, as the term "charge" is popularly understood, was made concerning Mr. Pinder's ability or conduct while employed as police messenger.

I asked Mr. Pinder, to the superintendent of police and to the civil service commission, that in my judgment the position of police messenger was an unnecessary expense to the city of Lowell, and for that reason I abolished it.

Consequent to the abolition of the position, the municipal council in making the 1916 appropriations, made no salary provision for such position.

Both Mr. Pinder and yourself must appreciate as well as I do that the case is not one in which the individual or his rights are under question or attack, but is of an economic nature concerning a position involving a municipal expenditure; and the personality of the incumbent does not enter into the matter.

The question is larger than any alleged differences that may exist between Mr. Pinder and myself, involving, as it does, an attempt on the part of the mayor to keep the public expenditures down to a minimum, by the abolition of unnecessary positions.

However, if Mr. Pinder believes that the protection of his rights demands a hearing, on the question of the position of police messenger, I shall gladly accommodate him, at his convenience.

I must confess, however, that I cannot see what good will result from such a hearing, because, on account of its nature, it must be confined to a question upon which already I have passed judgment.

If Mr. Pinder insists on a hearing on the question of the necessity of the position, will you kindly notify me to what date will be most convenient for him. Respectfully,

J. E. O'Donnell, Mayor.

**LATE WAR NEWS**

**FREIGHT SPACE ON WHITE STAR LINERS COMMANDEERED BY BRITISH**

NEW YORK, March 9.—Officials of the White Star line conceded today that the freight space in their trans-Atlantic steamships had been commandeered by the British government for the accommodation of munitions and grain shipments.

Alterations on one of the big White Star liners will provide room for an estimated addition of 1000 tons.

**ALBANIAN CONGRESS MAY RE-ESTABLISH INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT**

LONDON, March 9.—A Copenhagen despatch quotes the Vossische Zeitung as stating that an Albanian congress will be held in Sofia on March 15 to discuss the re-establishment of an independent government in Albania and its declaring that Bulgaria approves the move, inasmuch as it would hamper Italian aspirations in the Balkans.

**SEND MAIL FOR AMERICA THROUGH GERMANY AND HOLLAND**

BERLIN, March 9.—(By wireless to Sayville).—The Swiss postal department has decided to send mail for America through Germany and Holland hereafter instead of by way of France and England, says the Overseas News Agency, "because mail passing through Germany is free from censorship."

The Swiss postal department states officially that mails from neutral countries to other neutrals have been confiscated by belligerents, although freedom of transit of mail is one of the fundamental principles of the international postal agreement.

Moreover, sealed mail bags forwarded from neutral countries to other neutrals have been opened by belligerents and the letters examined.

"The Swiss postal authorities also say the British are now searching neutral steamships on the seas, in order to obtain this mail."

**FIRE AT EDINBORO, PA.**

ERIE, Pa., March 9.—A fire reported to be disastrous, broke out at Edinboro, this county, at noon. Owing to storm and impaired lines of communication no facts are yet attainable. A call for the coroner was sent to this city at 1 p. m., indicating that there had been loss of life.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

## SEND TROOPS TO MEXICO

United States to Ask Carranza for Permission to Send Troops After Bandits

WASHINGTON, March 9.—Secretary Lansing announced late today that the United States was considering asking General Carranza for permission to send American troops into Mexico to capture the Villa bandits who raided Columbus, N. M.

Secretary Lansing said that if permission were asked it would be for this occasion only and that the troops would be withdrawn when they had accomplished their purpose.

It was said the request for permission to send the American troops into Mexico probably would go forward to Carranza before night.

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## POLICE COURT DOCKET

## Several Offenders Sentenced—Larceny and Drunkenness the Chief Charges

Charged with larceny of \$17.00 from a local coal dealer, having delivered two tons of coal and appropriated the money collected to his own use, George Martin, a coal transporter, was brought before Judge Bright in the police court today and pleaded not guilty, claiming that he had no intention of stealing the money. He admitted being under the influence of alcohol when arrested.

The woman in charge at the coal dealer, stated that Martin had been employed by him for only 10 days. Yesterday morning about 7:30 o'clock he sent out with two tons of coal in a coal sled were found at the dealer's place. At noon the horses and sled were found at the dealer's place. The police were notified and in the afternoon Patrolman Linnane discovered Martin wandering his way down Essex street. When first questioned, said the officer, the defendant

admitted having worked for the dealer and said that he collected about \$18 and spent part of it for booze. The woman who delivered the coal, whom the coal was delivered to, stated that Martin cheated them out of about four bags of coal. Martin claimed that he got so drunk in the forenoon he could not continue his work and so started for home, intending to return the money the next day. He was found guilty and in order that the story of the woman who claims to have been cheated can be investigated, the case was continued until tomorrow for sentence.

**Held on Old Charge**  
Leon J. Cooper pleaded guilty to a complaint of stealing a suit valued at \$15.00, and a watch valued at seven dollars, and a one dollar bill from Edward J. Nelson in February, 1915. On the night of February 16 of that year Cooper was down and out and a friend

introduced him to Nelson in Middlesex street. The latter very kindly offered to share his bed with the unfortunate and took him to his room. The next morning Nelson got up to go to work and left Cooper sleeping in his room. When he returned the young man had gone and taken with him the articles mentioned. He left the room and was not apprehended until yesterday when his arrest was made by Inspector Walsh.

Cooper said that he earns \$12 or \$13 a week in the boot mills and agreed to pay Nelson five dollars a week until restitution is made. This was satisfactory to the complainant and a suspended sentence to the reformatory at Concord was imposed as an inducement for the young man to hurry along his payments.

**Sentenced to Jail**  
A sentence of four months in jail was handed to James Downey after he had pleaded guilty to stealing a pocketbook valued at one dollar, and four dollars in cash from Alice R. Leith. It seems that Miss Leith left her pocketbook on the piano near the office of her father, Mr. Leith, in full view of the sidewalk. Downey happened along, spying the pocketbook, went in, took it and quickly disappeared. He was arrested spending the money in Middlesex street saloons. Downey was also found guilty of stealing 11 pairs of rubber heels from John Dillon of Church street.

The absence of an efficient interpreter made a conference necessary in the case of Gustaf Christensen, charged with non-support of his wife, Florence. A son of the couple was introduced as an interpreter but he failed to prove satisfactory and the case was continued until tomorrow.

Joseph H. Conley and Michael F. McDermott, who on Tuesday were each sentenced to eight months in the house of correction for larceny from the person of Charles Roberts, were called today and informed of their right of appeal. They accepted the sentence and were committed.

Elizabeth M. Hayes was arrested only a few hours after being released from the house of correction where she had served three months. A suspended sentence to the reformatory for women was imposed. Catherine Martin was given a suspended sentence to the state farm on condition that she stay out of Lowell for one year.

Eva Benson was suffering from an injured shoulder when arrested a few days ago. Since then she has been at the Chelmsford street hospital. Although on probation at the present time she was given one more opportunity.

**SENATOR GORE COMING**  
HE WILL BE A SPEAKER AT THE BOARD OF TRADE BANQUET THIS EVENING  
Senator Thomas Gore, the blind statesman from Oklahoma, who will be one of the speakers at the annual dinner of the board of trade this evening, has traveled all the way from Washington, D. C., to Boston without an escort and this morning he informed Secretary Murphy over the telephone that he could manage to come to Lowell alone this evening.

The brilliant orator addressed the Boston chamber of commerce at its annual dinner at the American house last night. He is making his headquarters at the city on the 3 o'clock train. He will be met at the station and taken to the York club, where he will be entertained prior to going to the Casino.

Prof. Hart of Harvard will be the other speaker.

**ICE CROP HARVESTED**  
GAGE COMPANY HAS FINISHED THE WORK AND THE SUPPLY IS AMPLE  
Miss Martina Gage of the Daniel Gage Co. informed the Sun this morning that her men are through cutting ice on the Merrimack river and the crop is as good if not better than that of last year.

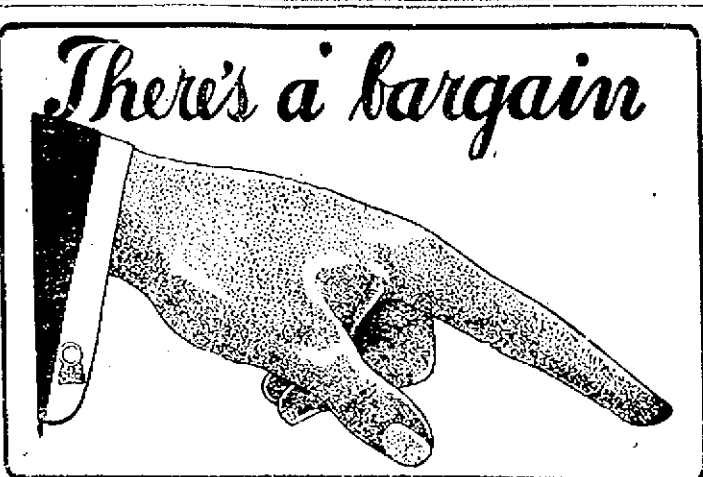
After the last cold spell the employees of the company got busy on the river and they finished their task last Sunday. Thousands of tons measuring between 8 and 9 inches in thickness have been stored for the summer supply and it is believed with what was cut on the ponds in the surrounding towns, the supply will last until next winter.

On the ponds the ice attained a thickness of between 14 and 18 inches. It is cleared of snow and is reported to be the best for a long time. Miss Gage says that after the first cold spell, she feared the Lowell ice houses would not be filled, but the last spell did the work and the Lowell residents will be supplied with ice until next winter.

**DETECTIVE HOY LOST**  
DECISION GIVEN BY JUDGE EX-RIGHT IN CASE AGAINST TOWN OF BILLERICA  
A finding in favor of the selection of the town of Billerica was made yesterday afternoon by Judge Henry H. in the civil suit of James Henry Hoy, a detective service, against the town of Billerica. Hoy alleged to have been rendered services by the town in investigating liquor cases. Hoy testified that he and each operator used by him was to receive five dollars a day and expenses for all work done. After the selection, Burton O. Sanford, Ralph E. Manning and Joseph Wright, had each testified that they agreed to do the work for not more than \$250, the court found in favor of the defendants, the aforementioned selection men and the inhabitants of Billerica.

**UNDERGROUND WIRES**  
Continued.  
vice each year with underground construction, together with operating expenses and annual fixed charges would be \$15,000 and the income is less than \$10,000.

From all of the information compiled, it is apparent that the cost to the city of maintaining the service, if under ground construction was enforced in the residential section, would be more than double the amount of money that the customers are now paying us for electric lights. There can be no solution for this problem unless those who use electric lights wish to pay more than twice as much as they are now paying for this service, which does not seem probable. Our charges and rates for electric light are particularly low when compared with other Massachusetts cities. Until 1905 we furnished electric light at a price lower than any other corporation in the commonwealth of Massachusetts.



There's a bargain  
The price was far below the average price charged for this service.

We believe our policy in installing underground in this city has been particularly broad and liberal. We have installed a large amount of underground cable duct covering the entire section from Perry street to Church and Anson, along Anderson to Nesmith, along Church to Central, along Gosham to Elm, along Central to Merrimack, including Prescott, along East Merrimack to High, along Bridge street to the river, along Merrimack and Moody streets to Allen, along Middle, along Market to Sprague and Burton, along Burton to Broadway, along Middlesex street from Central to Walker street. We cover the entire business section of the city where there is congestion of traffic and congestion of buildings.

Ornamental Street Lighting  
In reply to questions by the mayor, Mr. Hunnewell admitted that if the Lowell Electric Light corporation had anticipated the ornamental street lighting when it laid its original conduits the present ornamental street lighting would not have been so expensive. But when the original conduits were laid, he said, ornamental street lighting had not been thought of; that conduits have been down about 20 years, while ornamental street lighting has been in vogue only about five years. Mr. Hunnewell spoke about the sharing of cost in lighting, that persons living in one section of the city did not want to share the expense of expensive lighting in another section.

"We have better streets in some sections of the city than in others," said the mayor, "but all hands have to share the expense."

There was more or less discussion along this line and the mayor then asked Mr. Hunnewell what was the cost per mile for maintenance of overhead wires, suggesting that in the long run the underground wires would be cheaper.

Mr. Hunnewell couldn't tell the exact cost of overhead wires, but he did not think underground wires would be cheaper because of the first cost being the greater.

The mayor spoke of Daniels street. He said the street is about to be paved and he thought it a good time to put conduits there. Again it was asserted that the telephone and electric light companies couldn't occupy the same conduit, because of the fact that the light company has a very high voltage and the telephone company has a low voltage and that if anything should happen the light wires it would be "good night" to the whole telephone system.

"How about the same conduit and separate ducts?" asked the mayor. "We could send them that either," said Mr. Hunnewell. "Because there would still be great danger of street or manhole explosions. We are not on the same side of the streets in Lowell as the Lowell Electric Light company. Our conduits are on one side and theirs are on the other, and we are as near as we care to be."

Mr. McCoy said there isn't a city in the United States where the telephone and electric light wires occupy the same conduit and so far as double occupancy was concerned the question was settled right there and then—nothing doing.

"What do you say about the city owning its own conduits?" asked the mayor, addressing Mr. Hunnewell. "It occurs to me," said Mr. Hunnewell, "that our service is a very hard one to maintain. It requires specialists to operate it and keep it at or near perfection point. With our own conduits we are directly responsible and we do not want to share that responsibility for I think it would not be for the good of the service."

"The city might have the conduits built under your supervision and just receive revenue for them," suggested the mayor, but Mr. Hunnewell allowed it didn't sound very logical just now. "How do you account Mr. Hunnewell?" queried the mayor, "for public service corporations wishing to pay for franchises?"

"I do not know that I am in a position to discuss that question," said Mr. Hunnewell.

Mr. Mahoney wondered why it was that the attack was always made on the Lowell Electric Light company and the New England Telephone company. He wanted to know what about other public service corporations with wires, the Bay State Street railway, the Boston and Western Union, and to this the mayor and Commissioner Duncan said that the other companies

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## DEATHS

WYNN—James F. Wynn, infant son of William J. and Margaret (Hendon) Wynn, died yesterday at the children's hospital in Boston, aged 11 months. The body was brought to this city and taken to the home of his parents, 1 Ames place, off School street.

O'CONNELL—Philip O'Connell, aged 53 years, the father of Mrs. John F. O'Connell of Lowell is dead at his home in Lawrence.

STANLEY—The many friends of Stanley and Lottie L. (Oxner) Stanley will be grieved to hear of the death of their only child, Walter Stanley, who passed away last evening at the home of his parents, 29 Northrup street, after a short illness, at the age of 1 year, 9 months and 5 days. Funeral notice later.

BAGSHAW—Mrs. Sarah A. Bagshaw, formerly of this city, died Tuesday at the family home, 12 Willoughby street.

Lawrence, aged 80 years. Mrs. Bagshaw was born in Richmond, Can. She lived in Lowell for 25 years before moving to Lawrence, where she has made her home for the past 20 years. She leaves her husband, Arthur B. Bagshaw, who was formerly well known in Lowell, and two sons, William E. and McColl, S. C. and Arthur H. Bagshaw of Lowell and three daughters, Ella M. Thorne of West Somerville, Mrs. M. B. Williams of Portland, Me., and Mrs. Edwin M. Randall of Lawrence.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We, the undersigned, wish to express publicly sincere thanks to those relatives, neighbors and friends who, by their many kind acts, assisted us during the illness, and at the death of our beloved mother. Also for the many offerings tendered, both spiritual and temporal, we are grateful. All acts of sympathy and kindness were appreciated deeply by  
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Evaporated Apples (select Baldwins), 15c value, for.....10c

Very Fine Corn, can 7/2c  
Large Prunes, 4 lbs. 25c

Halibut, 2 lbs. ....25c  
Swordfish, lb. ....15c  
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Finnan Haddie, lb. 12c  
Salt Salmon, lb. ....18c  
Flounders .....10c  
Mackerel .....15c  
Shrimps .....9c

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Choice Macaroni, pkg. 5c  
Hand Packed Tomatoes, can .....10c

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Large Indian River Grapefruit, 6 for 25c

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Boneless Pot Roast, lb. ....14c  
Legs of Veal, lb. ....18c  
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Roasts of Pork, lb. ....15c  
Navel End Brisket, lb. ....9c  
Flat Ribs, lb. ....10c  
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Sweet Mixed.....20c  
Sour Mixed.....15c  
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Sour Gherkins.....25c  
Queen Olives.....25c  
Manzanilla.....25c

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## FUNERAL NOTICES

**STOCKBRIDGE**—The funeral of Walter Stockbridge will take place Friday morning at 7 o'clock from the home of his wife, Mrs. Annie Doyle, 42 Broadway. A funeral high mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church at 8 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker Charles H. Molloy.

**O'BRIEN**—The funeral of Paul J. O'Brien will take place Friday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his wife, Mrs. Mary O'Brien, in Exeter, N. H. A high mass of requiem will be sung at 9 o'clock in Exeter. The body will be placed on the 11 o'clock train for Lowell, arriving here at 1 p. m. The burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral in charge of Charles H. Molloy, undertaker.

**McCAFFREY**—The funeral of the late Miss Agnes E. McCaffrey will take place Friday morning from her home, 4 Bank place, Ludlum street, at 3 p. m. At 3:30 a mass of requiem will be sung at St. Michael's church. Burial in St. Michael's cemetery, in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons.

**BAGSHAW**—Died in Lawrence, March 7th, at her home, 12 Willoughby street, Mrs. Sarah A. Bagshaw, aged 80 years. Funeral services will be held at the family home, 12 Willoughby street, Lawrence, on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial in the Edison cemetery, this city, where services will be held at the grave at 3:30 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Wm. H. Saunders in charge.

**WYNN**—The funeral of James F. Wynn will take place tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock from the home of his parents, William and Margaret, 1 Ames place, School street. Burial will be in St. Bernard's cemetery, in charge of Undertakers James P. O'Donnell & Sons, undertakers.

**IRVIN**—The funeral of the late Annie Irvin will take place Saturday morning at 8 o'clock from the home of her brother, John J. Irvin, 5 Union street. High mass of requiem will be sung at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

**SWAPP**—Died in this city March 7th, Mrs. Jane Swapp, aged 84 years and 18 days, at her home, 297 Pawtucket street. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. on Friday afternoon at St. John's church at 2:30 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Kindly call flowers. The body will be in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

## SUN BREVITIES

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If your teeth trouble you see Dr. Gagnon, 466 Merrimack street.

Frederick J. Campbell, of 155 Stackpole street, who appeared as a gypsy girl was the prize winner at the Y.M.C.A. character party held Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Connahan of Pawtucket, R. I. are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter, Mrs. Connahan was formerly Miss Mary Leahy of Lowell.

The Soukikian school in the Bradley building offers every woman an easy, economical course of study and practice in cutting and designing their spring garments.

The first of the series of talks in the "First Aid to the Injured" course, scheduled to be opened at the Y.M.C.A. last evening was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

Mrs. Harry Raynes and Miss Katherine L. Shannon of Lowell were recent visitors at the exhibit of California products conducted in Los Angeles by the chamber of commerce.

Mr. George H. Barker, an efficiency expert of New York, will lecture under Y.M.C.A. auspices at Colonial hall on the evening of March 16 at 8 p. m. Mayor O'Donnell and other prominent men have agreed to attend. Mr. M. J. Droubit is the local organizer.

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1 Silk Poplin Dresses, usually sold for \$7.98, for \$4.98 Each

1 1/2 Pure Wool Serge Dresses, usually sold for \$6.00, for \$4.98 and \$2.98 Apiece

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# DARK CONTINENT

## Africa Greatest Region of Colonial Exploitation in the World

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—The practical termination of German rule in Africa serves to emphasize again the fact that the Dark Continent is the greatest region of colonial exploitation in the world. The area of Africa is 11,262,000 square miles, exclusive of its islands. It will be seen from this that it is nearly four times as large as the United States. It has a population of 175,000,000.

And yet there are only two small countries in the entire country that are independent—Liberia and Abyssinia. Liberia has an area about the size of Virginia and a population equal to that of the city of Philadelphia. Abyssinia's area is a little more than twice as great as that of France or Germany, and its population equals that of Pennsylvania.

"England controls a territory in Africa larger than that of the entire United States including Alaska. The African population under English dominion is one-half as great as the entire population of the United States. France, at the outset of the war had an African territory equal in area to that of the United States and all of her possessions and Mexico. The population of French African territories equals that of Brazil.

"Portuguese holdings in Africa are as large as Mexico, with a population about half as dense. Belgian holdings are one-third, and those of Italy one-fifth, as large as the territory of continental United States.

"It is an interesting fact that Great Britain's holdings in Africa are almost exactly equal to those in North America. They are thirty-five times as large as the United Kingdom itself, and have a population large enough to replace that of the United Kingdom with enough to populate a new London to spare.

"The African holdings of France are twenty-two times as large in area as the home country itself, while the population is nearly two-thirds as great. Belgian holdings are eighty-two times as great in area as Belgium herself, while the population is more than twice as great. Italy controls 524,000 square miles of African territory.

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which is five times as much as her European area.

These figures were prepared by the National Geographic society, whose headquarters are in Washington, and which now has the largest membership of any scientific institution in the world. The statement which contains them then proceeds:

"The manner in which the nations of Europe have apportioned the second largest continent of the world among themselves forms one of the most unique chapters in the history of political geography.

"Before 1850 Africa was allowed to drift along almost undisturbed by the politics of the outside world. It is true that scientific and commercial activities from Europe had invaded the continent, but there had never been any apportionment of territory having the sanction of international agreements.

"In 1881 King Leopold of Belgium succeeded in having a conference called to determine the status of the Congo territory held in trust for civilization by the African International Association. The result of this conference was the setting up of the Congo Free State, with the king of Belgium at its head. In addition therein the conference defined the general sphere of influence of the powers in Africa.

"In 1890, following out the plans of the conference, Great Britain negotiated a treaty, signed in Berlin, which gave her Uganda and thus thwarted a dream the Germans had long held of a through railroad across Africa entirely on German soil. On the other hand, by gaining possession of the territory in southeast Africa to the Belgian Congo, Germany as effectively prevented the construction of a Cape-to-Cairo railway under British control.

"A month later the English and French signed an agreement recognizing a British protectorate over Zanzibar and Pemba, a French protectorate over Madagascar, and a French sphere of influence from Algeria southward to a point between the town of Say and Lake Chad. Still later England and Portugal came to an agreement defining the delimitations of their respective territories.

"In later years came the Boer war, and thereafter another general scramble for influence in Africa, in which Great Britain secured control over the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, Belgium formally annexed the Congo Free State, Italy seized Tripoli, and France finally extended a protectorate over Morocco.

"Germany's holdings in Africa at the outbreak of the war amounted to nearly a million square miles, and had a population of about 13,000,000."

### SAVE \$12,000 IN SALARIES

#### BILL PROVIDES FOR ABOLISHING SOME STATE BOARD SECRETARIES—WILL BE REPORTED SOON

BOSTON, Mar. 9.—A central administration bureau for the various state boards of registration, which, it is claimed, will result in an annual saving of \$12,000 in salaries and clerical expenses, is provided for in a bill which will be reported in a few days by the special committee which is considering the consolidation of commissions.

The establishment of the administration bureau would result in abolishing the positions of the paid secretaries of the boards of registration in dentistry, podiatry, nursing, veterinary medicine and embalming. The secretaries of the state boards of registration in medicine and pharmacy would be continued and made members of the central administration board. A chairman of the administration board would be named by the governor from the membership of the various examining boards as they are at present constituted.

The chairman would receive \$500 in addition to the salary he receives as a member of his own particular board of registration, but the other two members would serve without extra pay.

The bill would limit the clerical staff of the administration board to two stenographers and two clerks. Appli-

cations for registration will be received by the central board, but the actual conduct of examinations will be carried on by the several boards as at present.

A sub-committee to consider the proposed reorganization of the public service, consisting of Chairman Hayes, Representative Fitz-Gibbon, and Representative Daniel W. Casey, has been appointed by the special committee.

The committee voted to give leave to withdraw to the petitioners for a bill to establish a Connecticut river commission, and also to the petitioners for a bill to abolish the fire prevention commissioner's office.

On Tuesday, March 14, at 10.30 o'clock the special committee will give a continued hearing on the proposed consolidation of the industrial accident board, the board of labor and industries, the minimum wage board and other matters before the committee on which hearings have not been closed.

### THE Y.W.C.A. CAMPAIGN

#### SUM OF \$3000 TO BE RAISED BY SATURDAY NIGHT—OVER \$1000 RAISED

Between the hour that the meeting of the Y.W.C.A. campaign workers closed last evening and Saturday night, the teams will have to raise \$3000 in order to make the campaign a success. The reports of the team captains last night totaled \$664.50, bringing the amount received to date up to \$1668.50.

The Religious team, Mrs. J. G. Buttrick, captain, again brought in the largest amount, \$101, being closely followed by the Extension team with \$125. Mrs. Buttrick reported a gift of \$100 from Deacon A. D. Carter. The amounts by teams follow:

Religious	\$161.00
Extension	125.00
Girls' Work	139.00
St. Ann's	119.50
Educational	243.75
Summer Work	58.75
Total	\$664.50
Monday's total	\$1914.00
Grand total	\$1668.50

Mrs. J. E. Gibson, campaign manager, announced that the campaign would continue until Saturday night, one day longer than originally planned. This step was taken as a result of the inclement weather yesterday and the fact that the money has been coming in slowly.

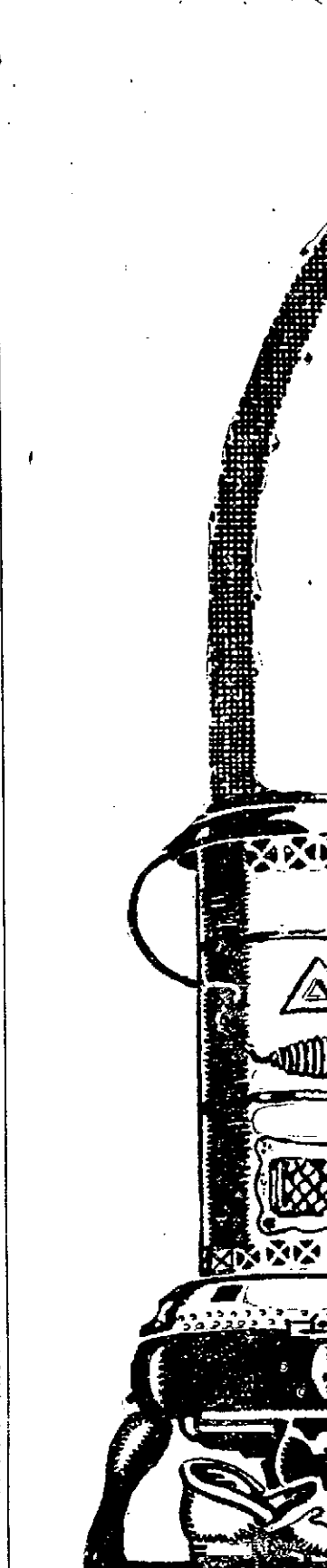
The supper served at 6 o'clock last evening was under the direction of the women of the Baptist Congregational church, Mrs. E. T. Holden, chairman of the committee.

### SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of Loyal Excelsior lodge, 6303, I.O.O.F., M.U., was held in Post 120 hall, Merrimack street, with W. G. Fred Swindells presiding. Several applications for membership were acted upon and one new member was initiated. Arrangements have been made by the entertainment committee for the annual tea party. It was announced that the married and single men will hold a bowling match March 13.

Clan Grant O.S.C.  
The stormy weather last evening was responsible for the small attendance at the regular meeting of Clan

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Grant, O.S.C. Routine business was transacted. Arrangements were perfected for the visit of the Clan MacPherson of Lawrence, where Royal Chief A. G. Finley of Seattle, Wash., will be tendered a reception.

### FOR OUR COTTON GOODS

#### NEW MARKET OPENED—STRAITS SETTLEMENTS NEED \$14,000,000 WORTH OF GOODS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—There is a market for \$14,000,000 worth of cotton goods annually in the Straits Settlements and the United States has a smaller share of the trade than any other competitor. For the last four years our sales in this quarter have amounted to only \$22,000 annually. In a report entitled "Cotton Goods in the Straits Settlements," just issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the department of commerce, it is asserted that American manufacturers have either overlooked this market entirely or have failed to appreciate it because there has been available no first-hand information regarding it.

The chief obstacle to American trade in cotton goods, the report states, "and, as a matter of fact, in all lines is the lack of an American importing firm in the Straits Settlements. It would not be true, however, to say that the British importing houses, which handle nearly all the business are adverse to purchasing American merchandise, because many of them are actually importing a considerable quantity of goods from the United States, and an American traveler who recently spent some time in Singapore, made a thorough canvass of the market and succeeded in getting some very substantial orders, asserts that when he could furnish the goods at competitive prices he could in most cases get the business."

The greater part of the report is taken up with careful descriptions of the kinds of cotton goods in demand in the Straits Settlements. In the various textile centers for exportation by the manufacturers interested in the far eastern markets.

A valuable chapter is devoted to such important subjects as obstacles to trade, steamship lines and rates, practical information and language, customs, tariffs, etc. The most certain way of building up a large trade in the Straits Settlements, the report states, is to send a fully qualified salesman, who should carry other lines, such as hosiery, underwear and other made-up articles.

It will doubtless surprise many American manufacturers to conclude from the report that the cotton goods trade of the Straits Settlements is so large that it exceeds in value the combined trade of the Red Sea district and East Africa, with which they are more or less familiar. It is true that we have not manufactured a share of the important lines in the trade, but a de manufacture some of the lines, and our failure to secure a share of the trade appears to be due more of all to indifference and neglect. The market is well worth

more attention and if properly studied will in a few years become an important outlet for American cotton goods."

The new bulletin is designated Special Agents' Series No. 115 and is sold for the nominal sum of 10 cents by the district offices of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce and by the superintendent of documents, government printing office, Washington, D. C. It contains 57 pages.

### REPLIES TO CHURCHILL

#### BALFOUR RESENTS ATTACK ON NAVY—BLAMES PREDECESSOR FOR SHIPWRIGHTS ENLISTING

LONDON, March 9.—Bitterness marked the reply of A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons yesterday to Col. Winston Spencer Churchill's attack on the naval administration, which, the first lord said, was "unfortunate, both in form and substance and likely to arouse misgivings among the people."

While deprecating the controversy, Mr. Balfour declared:

"I absolutely deny Col. Churchill's charges."

He then threw the blame on Col. Churchill for depicting the ranks of skilled shipwrights by allowing them to join the army during Churchill's tenure of office, thus hindering the shipbuilding plans, which, however, the government had succeeded in keeping ahead of the needs of this country at this moment are insufficient to secure safety, then in the whole history of Great Britain they never have been," was one of the parting shots uttered by Mr. Balfour.

Col. Churchill retorted with a brief speech, repeating his doubts about the execution of the battleship and destroyer program and asserting that even now Mr. Balfour had not given any assurance on this point. He admitted that there was no reason to suppose that the British margin of strength was not sufficient, but he thought the greatest crisis should be made to build at the highest possible speed.

Other members protested against such a contest in the house of commons, and James M. Hogge, radical for East Birmingham, criticized Col. Churchill for starting a controversy

which could not be easily stopped. A number of other departments of admiralty activity, such as requisitioning merchant shipping, arming of merchantmen and air defense were subjected to discussion, but the committee of the house eventually approved a vote for \$50,000 men for the navy and several "token" appropriations for navy expenditures, which had been introduced in this manner in order to avoid giving total amounts.

### NEW \$25,000,000 MILL

#### TUBE PLANT TO BE ERECTED AT GARY, IND. BY U. S. STEEL CORPORATION

NEW YORK, March 9.—A new tube plant to cost \$25,000,000 will be erected at Gary, Ind., by the United States Steel corporation, according to official announcement made here late yesterday by Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the corporation.

The new plant with other extension work authorized during the last six months will make a total of about \$3,000,000 appropriated for new construction.

"We have decided," said Mr. Gary, "to build and will promptly commence the construction of a first class tube plant at Gary. It is estimated the improvements, including ore docks, ore yards, blast furnaces, converting mills, blooming mills, power station, water works, sheared plate mill, universal plate mills, butt mills, job shops and all auxiliary departments, will cost \$25,000,000. It is probable the plant will be built in two units, the first of which, it is hoped, will be completed in about 14 months."

### MINERS WORK AT WAR FRONT

LONDON, Mar. 9.—Ten thousand more skilled miners will be wanted on the British war front during the next twelve months to carry on the work of tunnelling for the laying of mines, according to Robert Smilie, president of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, making this announcement.

Smilie stated that while a considerable number of miners were already engaged in this work the government wanted more and was going to appeal to the home office for them. These men, however, will have to be enrolled as volunteers.

### DUEL WITH REVOLV

#### HUNDREDS AT WARREN, WITNESS GUN BATTLE—ONE INJURED

WARREN, R. I., March 9.—Apute began last Monday between Eph Lumarca, a factory hand of 101, and Nicholas Boelitz, a bartender, over the discharge of a live of one of the men from a tory, ended in a duel with rev when the men met yesterday on a street.

Hundreds of men and women, ing a factory were alarmed by discharge of revolvers. Running dodging back of fences and trees two men fired three shots each then decamped without hitting one.

They eluded the police, who m thorough search of tenement h in the vicinity, but the duellists not be found. Descriptions of the were sent out.

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EAST SECTION

CENTRE AISLE

Lowell, Thursday, March 9, 1916



## DIED AT HIS POST

Master of Clearway Won  
From Sea But Lost to  
Death—Fearful Trip

BOSTON, March 9.—Victorious in a terrible battle against winds and seas, the facts of which make some of the wildest flights of imagination of fiction writers seem commonplace, Capt. Charles W. Pickthorn, commander of the tramp steamer Clearway, 71 days out of Calcutta by way of Cape Verde Islands, dropped dead on the bridge of his terribly battered vessel as she passed in by Boston Lightship to safely late yesterday afternoon.

The valiant captain, weakened by a constant vigil of five days and four nights, guiding his vessel and men to safety in Boston harbor, kept on his feet on the bridge until the lights blinked out which meant the end of the voyage and a safe harbor.

Scarcely his feet and fall his officers hurried to the bridge. His unconscious form was tenderly lifted and carried to his cabin. Assuming command Chief Officer Jones ordered full speed ahead. Every man aboard did his level best and within a few seconds the big tramp was plowing into the harbor probably faster than ever tramp steamer plowed before.

Up in the cabin such officers as could be spared from the bridge and deck clustered about their rapidly sinking captain, applying what first aid measures they could. A few minutes before quarantine was reached, however, the gallant commander breathed his last.

Word had been sent ahead and the tug Vigilant, the boarding boat of the quarantine officials, met the Clearway a short distance below the usual station.

## Doctor Arrives Too Late

"Too late," sang out Chief Officer Jones from the bridge as Dr. Looney, port physician, came hurrying up the ladder, surgical case in hand, "he died a few minutes ago, just as we could make out the lights of the city flicking through the haze."

Said the officers followed the port physician to the cabin leading off the bridge, where the body of the much loved captain lay. Dr. Looney made a brief examination, and made out a death certificate stating that Capt. Pickthorn died of apoplexy.

Then the physician departed and the steamer came slowly on up the harbor and docked at pier 17, Mystic docks. As the lines were being fastened a mail bag was thrown aboard, and sorting this the officers came across a number of letters for the dead captain, among them letters from Mrs. Pickthorn, living in Endsleigh Gardens, Elford, Eng., and from one of the dead commander's sons, a lieutenant in the British army, now at the front. The captain was 51 years old and had been in command of the Clearway for some four years. He was immensely popular with his men and officers.

The voyage of the tramp steamer, 12,000 miles around the Cape of Good Hope from Calcutta to this port bringing a cargo valued at \$1,000,000, including tons of jute, is one which will never be forgotten by those who made it.

## But the Wreck of a Boat

When she came racing up the harbor yesterday afternoon, with her captain dead in his cabin, her lifeboats missing and smashed, her steering gear and engine in jury rags, and her foremast, masts and rigging at the rate of three feet a day, she was truly but the wreck of a boat.

She sailed from Calcutta Dec. 21, in the eastern seas she met bad weather, but at its worst it couldn't compare with the brand she struck 500 miles east of this coast last week. She doubled the Cape of Good Hope and came up the western coast of Africa without any serious mishap.

Starting across the Atlantic she met with gale after gale, and storm after storm. Although not a new boat by any means, she stood the strain pretty well.

Then, last Saturday, her officers and men were by the time the conditions were so bad that the ship was in a storm of all. The wind became a hurricane, pushing the sea into a series of mountains and deep gullies. Battered right and left, under the skillful hands of Capt. Pickthorn the tramp pushed slowly on.

Suddenly there was a shock. It felt as if a waterspout had clutched one side of the vessel. She went over it and it seemed that the tips of her masts would kiss the sea. Clinging on for dear life, her men could hear the splintering of timber, and feel a torrent of water rushing over her bridge and all, a torrent which seemed to be doing its utmost to tear them from the boat and sweep them into the ocean.

## Drive Lascars to Rollers

The ship rights herself. Another gigantic wave followed. Shouting curses, prayers and exhortations in their native tongue, the Lascar fire room crew fled from the stoke hole to the deck.

The torrent of sea water had extin-

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## CONGRESSMAN ROGERS

He Made Vigorous Speech Against  
McLemore Resolution Uphold-  
ing President Wilson

Special to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Just before the vote on tabling the McLemore resolution was taken yesterday afternoon at six o'clock, Representative Rogers said:

"There is a sharp division of opinion in this house. Of course we all recognize that, but there is no division of opinion upon one point. We are all agreed that peace must be maintained, if peace can be maintained with honor. The gentleman who has just spoken dealt very eloquently with the horrors of war. There is no dissent from the proposition that war is horrible. There is no occasion to voice that sentiment today. The only question is, what course should be pursued by this house in order to avoid war and to avoid it honorably?"

"I maintain, Mr. Speaker, that the

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surer and the sounder and the wiser way to avoid war is to support the president and not tie his hands. And, Mr. Speaker, I favor, in pursuance of that course, the killing of this McLemore resolution as promptly and as effectively as we possibly can. If in the course of killing it the death be made painless, I have no objection to that. A great deal of stress has been laid upon the floor of this house today on the statement that we ought to have a square vote, yes or no, on the McLemore resolution, and that tabling it was an evasion. That can not be so. Every man who has been a member of a debating society, of a fraternal organization, or even of a high school club knows perfectly well from the moment that he joins that institution that tabling a measure kills it. Why, then, should there be so much talk today to the effect that there is not to be a square vote on this proposition?

"There is a large group in this house, as developed by the speeches today, which seems to think it is unfair and almost dishonorable for anyone to insist that the issue be joined squarely, as it will be joined, upon the McLemore resolution, and upon nothing else. But the question before the country today is the McLemore resolution. There can be no doubt whatever about that. From the moment leading members went at the request of the president to the White House and told him, and told the newspapers afterwards, that, in their judgment, the McLemore resolution would pass two or three to one, the issue became the McLemore resolution. It can not be anything else today. That report—whether true or not, of course, I do not know—went throughout the broad land of the United States and went across the ocean to the German capital. Many of you are familiar with the text of the article in the Tages-Zeitung (Berlin), which dealt with that statement by certain of the majority

leaders of this house. I quote briefly from the article:

"It is not without risk—

"Speaking of the armed merchant-

man issue—

"It is not without risk, but the risk, perhaps, is smaller since the American congress shows signs of demanding that the decision in international affairs be taken from the president's hands and placed in those of congress."

"The question of whether we are going to uphold the hands of the president in his diplomatic negotiations with Germany thereupon became the McLemore resolution, and the vote upon that resolution today is a square vote of upholding or a square vote of not upholding, as the case may be."

RICHARDS.

### BODIES GOING TO SPAIN

Those of 31 Spanish Sailors to Be Shipped From Portsmouth, N. H., March 20

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Mar. 9.—William P. Miskell, who has the contract for examining the 31 Spanish sailors, who died while in captivity at Camp Long, during the Spanish-American war, examined one of the graves to-

day] As there is 20 inches of frost in the ground, disintering the bodies will be deferred for a week or more.

The bodies must be ready for shipment to New York on or before March 20. They will be encased in hermetically sealed wooden boxes, about three feet in length. They are to be taken home by a Spanish transport.

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### ADOPT NEW WAGE SCALE

TWO YEAR AGREEMENT WILL INCREASE SOFT COAL MINERS' EARNINGS BY \$15,000,000

NEW YORK, March 9.—After a warm debate, lasting nearly six hours, the interstate joint conference of miners and operators from the soft coal fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, representing nearly 200,000 mine workers, yesterday adopted the new wage contract agreed upon by the sub-committee of employers and employees.

The agreement will increase the income of the mine workers in those states about \$15,000,000 during the

two-year period the contract is to run, and will have an influence on the wage conferences to be held in the bituminous fields of central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Wyoming, Montana and Washington, as the agreements in those states are based largely on the action taken in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

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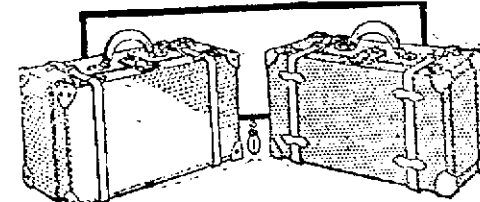
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# TOWN OF DRACUT NEWS

## Activity in the Centre Village—Grange Meeting and Other Social Events

As a result of a visit of members of the state board of health to the town of Dracut, a large number of cows, which were troubled with what is known as barn itch, were ordered quarantined, but this action on the part of the board of health did not in any way affect the milk supply, for the farmers were allowed to milk their cows, but for fear that the itch might be communicated to other cows, the quarantine was ordered.

Drastic measures were taken at once on the part of the farmers and now the disease, which threatened to spread through the town is practically checked. It is said that the disease is not dangerous, but is annoying to cattle.

**Hawk Killed**

A large hawk which had been hovering over the east part of town for some time has been killed by Henry Fox, who lives on the farm. The hawk was seen about the farm-houses on several occasions and one day the large bird was seen to fly to the ground and then return heavenward with a large pheasant in its talons. Pheasant, which the hawk meant harm to the hens of the village, Mr. Fox made up his mind to get it, and a couple of days ago he managed to bring it to the ground with a well directed shot from his rifle. The bird proved to be a very large specimen and hereafter its plumage will adorn the home of the Fox family.

**Poverty Party**

The members of the Centre Congregational church are organizing a poverty party for the benefit of the church. The affair will be held under the auspices of the ladies' aid society with Mrs. Walter Dutton in charge and will be conducted Friday evening in the vestry of the church. Appropriate prizes will be awarded those wearing the poorest costumes, and they will include prizes for boys, girls, men and women.

**Minstrel Show**

All is now in readiness for the minstrel show to be given at Grange hall in the latter part of the month. The affair is being organized by Miss Anna Roth and the proceeds of the event will be utilized in purchasing a large motor for the church organ.

**Dracut Grange**

On Monday evening, March 20, a regular meeting of the members of the Dracut Grange will be held at the hall in the Centre village. A feature of the evening will be the conferring of the third degree by the ladies' degree staff, which is composed of the following: Alice B. Colburn, master; Evelyn O. Varnum, over-seer; Elizabeth C. Sweeney, lecturer; Linda A. Welch, steward; Glenn A. Mezey, assistant steward; Gertrude L. Cluff, chaplain; Florence M. Wisbey, treasurer; Hazel B. Cluff, secretary; Irene A. Fox, gate keeper; Hazel Wainwright, cress; Marion E. Sanborn, pomona; Eva Hunt, flara; J. Melba Colburn, lady assistant steward; Ann B. Roth, lady steward; Mabel W. Crosby, Mabel V. Walsh, E. Maude Colburn, Charlotte

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# CANADIANS THREATENED TO TAR CANNOT TAKE VERDUN

## AND FEATHER AMERICAN PASTOR

### Berlin, Ont., Soldiers Broke into Home of Rev. R. C. Tappert and Dragged Him to Street—Protest Filed by the American Consul

BERLIN, Ont., Mar. 9.—Sentence was handed yesterday on the two soldiers, who, with others, recently broke into the home of Rev. R. C. Tappert, pastor of St. Mathew's Lutheran church and dragged him to the street. Mr. Tappert says he is an American citizen and a protest against his treatment at the hands of the soldiers has been filed by the American consul at Hamilton.

The two soldiers, Sergeant-Major Blood and private Sam Schaefer, admitted that the minister's story was substantially true, and the former sought to justify their actions by saying Mr. Tappert had shown by his utterances that he was an enemy to the British empire.

The grown attorney was not present when the two men were brought before a magistrate for sentence. In releasing them on suspended sentence, the court said he assumed he was doing so with the consent of the crown.

ARRIVES AT BUFFALO  
NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—Information

## THE SPELLBINDER

It would appear that Uncle Levi Gould, chairman of the Middlesex county commissioners was a most disagreeably surprised man when he appeared at the legislature this week to discuss the bill providing for the erection of county contagious hospitals.

Uncle Levi was under the impression that each city and town in the county would be obliged to bear its share of the expense of the new hospital, and by way of kindly hinting of the administrators of such cities and towns he sent out a letter early in the week calling attention to the hearing and in his letter he had the following:

"This legislation, if passed, will probably make it necessary that the county of Middlesex expend about \$250,000 before Sept. 1, 1918, and thereafter the cost of maintenance of such hospitals is to be borne in part by taxpayers as to be collected. This legislation is of the utmost importance to the cities and towns of the county which will have to be taxed to pay the bills."

Mayor O'Donnell received the communication from Mr. Gould, on Monday and immediately sent a letter to each member of the Lowell delegation at the state house, asking each to appear at the hearing in behalf of the city. The mayor suggested that inasmuch as the city is obliged to maintain a hospital of its own it would be a hardship to be compelled to help support a second institution from which it would derive no particular benefit, and this honor also suggested that as several cities in the county already have, or are going to have such institutions, an arrangement might be made whereby the county could make taken care of by the cities and obviate the necessity of erecting a county hospital.

It seems that the bill as originally drafted provided that the entire county should bear the cost of the proposed hospital, but later a clause was inserted exempting from any share of the expense any city or town that already has or is going to have a hospital of its own. This little exemption was overlooked, evidently, by Commissioner Gould, who when he discovered it on Tuesday asked for a postponement of the hearing until tomorrow and spoke in opposition to the idea of exempting any cities or towns. Being chairman of the association of county commissioners, it was thought that the county commissioners of the state in stating his opposition, but it has since been learned that many of the commissioners believe that it is only fair to those cities maintaining their own hospitals to be exempt from paying toward the support of an outside institution.

With the bill as it now reads, there can be no objection to it on the part of the city of Lowell. And this exemption may be the means of killing the bill, for as all of the larger cities, which pay the greater part of the county tax have their own hospitals, the burden will fall on the small towns.

Dr. Charles E. Simpson, of the state board of health has made a suggestion relative to the care of county cases, that looks good to all concerned and that may be of some benefit to the city securing that and will at their own expense perform the work pertaining

## THREE NIGHT FAI OPENED

NOTABLE EVENT CONDUCTED BY HIGHLAND M. E. CHURCH—THE FEATURES

A three-night fair under the auspices of the Highland M. E. church opened last night at Highland hall and despite the inclement weather the attendance was fairly large. The receipts of the evening were very substantial while the program was most interesting.

The hall was decorated with bunting of the national colors, caught up short intervals with clusters of American flags. The stage front was set with potted plants and greenery, while the tables were prettily draped. In the early evening supper was served and the meal was followed by an entertainment program, those taking part being Miss Helen Brooke, Miss Orpha Hutchinson, James E. Donnell, Edgar L. Woodward and Miss Lillie Dunn.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of: W. D. Large, chairman; J. M. Washburn, secretary and treasurer; C. A. Wotton, W. M. Wilcox, J. W. Harrison, Mrs. A. B. Cameron, Mrs. H. J. Maguire, Mrs. W. R. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Prescott Dring-ton, Mrs. E. T. Burbeck, Mrs. C. H. Davis, Mrs. C. F. Porter, Miss Carrie Phibbrick.

Gracery table, conducted by official board of the church, C. A. Wotton, chairman.

Apron table, conducted by the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Gallagher, chairman.

Penny table, conducted by the Oxford Bible class, Mrs. E. T. Burbeck, chairman.

The following features by the Sunday school: Sandy table, Mrs. Lester; Mrs. Davis and Miss Porter's classes; grab table, junior and primary department, Miss Mildred Sturtevant, chairman; mystery tent, Mrs. C. F. Porter's class; peanut grab and check room, Mr. J. M. Washburn's class.

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# CANNOT TAKE VERDUN

## French Press and Public Confident That Fortress Will Hold Out—Story of Great Battle

PARIS, March 9.—The official statement published last night has done much to relieve the tension which had been caused in the public mind by the expectation of a great onslaught on the main French defenses on the west bank of the Meuse. Press and public are now more than ever convinced that the Germans will not be able to take Verdun.

Military observers express the belief that the Germans originally intended a frontal attack on Verdun which was to be accompanied by two flank attacks, one in the Woivre not meant to be pushed home, the other on the west bank of the Meuse which might develop into the main attack. Desiring, however, to justify a premature announcement of the capture of Douaumont the crown prince kept 200,000 men on the right bank of the river against the advice of his generals who insisted that they could be employed on the other bank.

Now that the Germans have begun the flank attack the French critics say, it is too late by ten days.

Artillerymen on both sides are living up to the reputation already established for the battle of Verdun as the greatest artillery duel of the war. Many sectors of the French front on Sunday and Monday last received an average of 100,000 shells in twelve hours. Whole woods were reduced to smoking material. The little river at Forges disappeared altogether, having been dammed in half a dozen places and 30 feet of the crest of Hill No. 213 near Forges was blown away.

The first attack on Bethincourt made on Tuesday was preceded by six hours of terrific bombardment. Then the infantry came on from three sides, along the road from Gercourt to Bethincourt, from Forges, village and from the slopes of Hill No. 265. French officers estimate that the attacking forces were not fewer than 20,000. Fifteen different battalions were identified. All day long the Germans fought to gain footing in the important village of Bethincourt, which lies in a hollow commanded by both sides. When night fell the last attacking column was thrown back by the French who fought with great determination against hostile forces double their number. The position on Goose Hill was similar. The Germans were held in check as long as daylight lasted. However, sheltering themselves in ravines in Corbeaux wood they managed to force a way up a narrow lane leading to Commercy wood, which stands on the top of the ridge linking Goose and Dead Man's hills, only to be driven out of the greater part of their conquest by a French counter attack on Wednesday. The German losses in officers is particularly heavy, according to statements made by prisoners and this fact is believed to be the explanation of the unexpected speed of general, by orders of the emperor, leading their men into action instead of following them. This sight had not been witnessed, it is said, for many months.

Zeppelins are active behind the French lines endeavoring to strike at communications. On Tuesday they appeared over Reims station, with the evident intention of destroying trainloads of munitions. The station agent, named Placon, with the help of a station hand, with great coolness and dexterity, coupled up the 70 cars composing the train and got them off to a place of safety, bombs exploding all around, but none striking the target. For this the station agent was decorated with the Military Cross.

15 plows were used on the principal streets of the city early this morning clearing the snow for pedestrians. Sidewalks in the business section of the city were coated with ice two inches thick and store employees were busy breaking it up this morning.

Commissioner Morse estimates that the storm will cost the city from \$5000 to \$10,000. One other storm this year will be expensive to the city but yesterday's may prove more damaging when the work is well under way.


This has been a remarkable winter for snow. Previous to yesterday the total fall of snow was 55.5 inches, and with about seven inches added brings the total for the year thus far to 62.5 inches. There has been snow on the ground continuously since Feb. 2, and the outlook is for a continuation of the present conditions for some time longer.

The street railway was hit harder than any other corporation operating in this city. Despite the fact that all available plows were put into use, the snow proved a difficult one to handle. At 6 o'clock, when mill and store employees attempted to get home, the car service was badly crippled. Rail road trains could not get up to the scheduled time. The street car company and electric light corporation did not suffer to any extent.

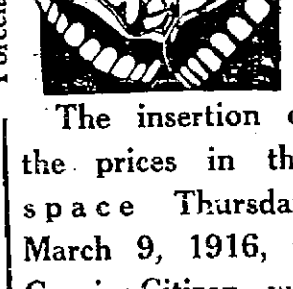
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**FIERCE SNOW STORM**

PRESENT FALL ONE OF THE WORST OF SEASON—CAR SERVICE MUCH CRIPPLED

A fierce snow storm, the worst of the season, started yesterday forenoon and raged all the afternoon and during the night, accompanied by a high wind, subsiding early this morning. Street car traffic was greatly impaired, Boston & Maine trains arriving in Lowell were late, and automobiles and teams did but very little traveling. It is estimated that about seven inches of snow fell.

This morning Commissioner Charles J. Morse of the street department began work clearing away the snow. About